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Editor's Notes

Happy New Year to all members and their families!!

This will be a special year for the Club.

We are hosting the ANA Convention in August which should turn out to be the biggest and best convention yet. Also this year we are producing a plaque to commemorate our 80th Anniversary. This will be a companion to the plaque we produced 5 years ago for our 75th Anniversary. We have many numismatic experts lined up to speak at our meetings which will be very educational and entertaining.

See you at the next meeting.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 959th MEETING

The 959th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held at the Mid Day Club on the 56th floor of the First National Bank Building on December 9, 1998. This meeting was the annual holiday banquet. Cocktails were available at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm with your choice of chicken or fish.

At the end of the dinner, President Mark Wieclaw introduced Program Chairman Carl Wolf who in turn introduced the featured speaker for the evening, club member Robert Feiler. Bob brought in several items from his fascinating collection including many box thalers, the main subject of his talk. These thalers were hollowed out so that the two sides would unscrew or snap open. Inside were miniature hand-colored prints of various scenes sometimes stretching up to about a yard. Bob also displayed a variety of coins which had portions hand-painted and others punched out creating a 3D effect. All enjoyed Bob's informative and lively talk. At the January meeting, Bob will receive his featured speaker medal as well as an ANA Educational Certificate.

For awards earned during 1998, Mark presented several. The Cabeen Awards went to Carl Wolf, Bob Weinstein, and Drew Michyeta-Honorable Mention. Second Place went to Mark Wieclaw while Bob Feiler won First Place. Presidential Awards went to Bob Leonard, Richard Hamilton and Bob Feiler. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

Past President Bob Leonard gave the oath of office to the new officers for 1999, Carl Wolf-President, Steve Zitowsky-First Vice President, Bob Feiler-Second Vice President, Richard Hamilton-Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Metras, Jeff Rosinia, Bob Weinstein and Mark Wieclaw ex-officio-Directors, Phil Carrigan-Archivist and Bill Burd-Chatter Editor.

John Connolly and Jeff Rosinia took photos during the banquet and at the awards presentation.

Jeff Rosinia capped off a wonderful evening with a memorable trumpet solo.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer

SPEAKER'S WOR(L)D

by Mike Metras

DECEMBER MEETING

Bob Feiler's December presentation was billed as "Box Thalers." But Bob announced right off that he had expanded it to be "My Soup to Nuts Collection," coins changed into something other than they were originally intended to be. He started off with a soup spoon made of a Lincoln cent followed by another cent changed into a small canteen.

Next Bob showed several enameled coins: a Morgan dollar, a half cent, a Japanese coin with a beautiful chrysanthemum, and a Philippine 25 centavo coin. All were beautifully colored and covered with that jeweled glass look of enamel.

Three Liberty Seated half dollars formed a chain. An Indian cent was changed to a pin. A Barber quarter had a great pop-out Liberty and was changed into a watch fob. Another popped out Liberty decorated a Barber dime changed into a ring. But the most spectacular pop-out came in the form of a peace dollar that looked positively eerie when projected on the screen. Looking in from the rear was equally as spectacular as looking at the front of the pop-out.

A Brazilian coin was changed into another spoon. A Columbian half dollar and a British half penny both had hollowed out reverses, probably being prepared to hold something.

A 1610 thaler had an opening and a picture in the rear. The picture had several mica overlays, each painted, allowing one to show the picture with any of several different sets of clothes.

A pewter Napoleonic medal had a pull-out with 14 colored scenes of battles. Bob referred to these beautifully, hand-crafted miniature drawings on round papers as "rondelles" (from an Old French word meaning "a little round thing"). Everyone was most impressed by the craftsmanship and beauty of this set of rondelles and the several others we were yet to see.

Another quarter-sized medal had several battle rondelles.

Next were the coins changed to something very different from their original use. First a French Ecu, several times its original thickness, was changed into a pill box or power box, complete with mirror.

An tightly fitting pair of 1831 five Franc coins were put together with a hinge and latch. A 1880-ish photo hid inside this "coin" that could easily have been one of the "opium dollars" used in those days.

A 1876 token with a gold-dollar look held rondelles with pictures of San Francisco. A 1887S trade dollar opened up to a tin-type photo.

An intriguing round box with Buckingham castle opened up to reveal several medalets of the then royal family. Someone offered that they thought that these were from toy stores in the 1850s.

A two-inch Columbian box medal held 14 rondelles of buildings of the Columbian Exposition.

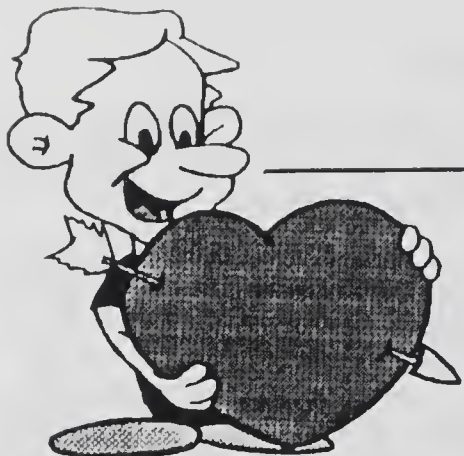
By this point, without any explicit definition, it was clear that the original title "Box Thalers" referred to these hollowed out coins designed to hold pictures or pills or opium or whatever. The word "thaler" is the German word for dollar.

A couple of early 1900s German box thalers included several rondelles with various patriotic scenes. A 1934 Century of Progress medal had many rondelles with scenes of that world's fair. One of these three had an unbelievable 40 or 50 rondelles in that one tiny box.

Then there was the five Franc coin changed into a cigar cutter. It looked remarkably like a miniature guillotine.

Finally, we arrived at the nuts--two different walnut shells, one with 62 rondelles of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and another of Chicago's Century of Progress with 40 rondelles.

We had finished our trip "From Soup to Nuts."



BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Feb 2	Tillie Boosel	
Feb 9	Steven G. Zitowsky	1991
Feb 16	Donald H. Dool	1998
Feb 25	Walter Pershke	1968
Feb 27	James P. Flannery, Jr.	1996
Feb 27	Ronald Martino	1991

OUR 960th MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, January 13, 1999

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

**FEATURED
SPEAKER:** **Tim Kyzivat**
Chicago Broken Bank Notes

Enter building at the south entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan 13 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - bank note collector, **Tim Kyzivat** on *Chicago Broken Bank Notes*, a slide retrospective of bank notes from former banks in the city, and from towns incorporated into Chicago.
- Feb 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Alexander Basok** on *The Numismatic Collection at the Hermitage*. At the end of our regular meeting we will recess and reconvene at the CPMX on Saturday, February 20th.
- Feb 20 CCC Meeting reconvened at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1pm. Featured Speaker - nationally renowned dealer, **Art Kagin** on *A 70 Year Retrospective of Collections, Dealers and Numismania*
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- Apr 10 CCC Meeting - Held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1pm- Featured Speaker - ANA Museum Curator, **Bob Hoge** on *Ancient Coins*

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Editor's Notes

Our February meeting will be held in two parts. Part one will be the same time and location as usual - February 10th at the 1st National Bank Bldg. At the end of our regular meeting we will recess and reconvene at the CPMX on Saturday the 20th. See inside for further details.

At the CPMX portion of our meeting we will be passing out our 4th annual souvenir reproduction of obsolete notes. Those unable to attend the meeting will be able to purchase it for \$10.00. This is a limited edition and we usually sell out so get your orders in early.

For you book lovers there is a numismatic book auction being held on April 9th and 10th by Remy Bourne in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair. I believe this is a first for Chicago. I cannot remember a numismatic book auction ever being held in our area. There is a flyer (a paid advertisement) in this Chatter giving more details.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 960th MEETING

The 960th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Carl Wolf on January 13th 7pm at the First National Bank of Chicago. Minutes from the December meeting were corrected to state that Paul Hybert is a Director rather than Bob Weinstein. Those minutes were then approved. Guests for the evening were Dale Lukanich and Tim Kyzivat.

Steve Zitowsky announced that Alex Basok will speak at the February meeting. He will speak on the *Hermitage Museum in Russia*. This meeting will then reconvene on Saturday, February 20, 1999 at CPMX where Art Kagin will speak on recollections of 70 years of collecting. Featured speaker is still open for the March meeting. Bob Hoge will speak on *Coins of a Flying Tiger* at the ClCF meeting on April 10, 1999.

Our featured speaker for the evening was Tim Kyzivat, who spoke on *Chicago National Bank Notes*. Tim stated that it is possible to collect 90 banks but 13 were not available. His presentation featured many late 19th century First Charter Notes on slides with portraits of Presidents James A. Garfield and William McKinley. Also included were notes of many towns which are now incorporated into Chicago, such as Austin, Hyde Park, Rogers Park, Irving Park, etc. At the conclusion of his informative talk, Tim was presented with the featured speaker's medal and the ANA Educational Award.

Bob Weinstein was then presented with his Honorable Mention 1998 Cabeen Award.

Exhibitors for the evening were: Don Dool, Carl Wolf, Mark Wieclaw, Bob Weinstein and Bill Burd.

Under old business, Mike Metras is working on the write up souvenir sheet for the CPMX while Bob Leonard is doing the same for ClCF souvenir sheet. Exhibit chair for the 1999 ANA Convention, Paul Hybert, states he needs completed exhibit applications by June 14, 1999. Richard Hamilton next reported on orders received to date for the 80th Anniversary plaque: 56 bronze, 9 bronze process, 27 silver and 2 gold. Orders will continue to be taken for time being.

For new business, a new Jean Elsen catalog was available for all to review. Paul Hybert is developing an email address for the club. Also, putting the Chatter on as a website was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Hamilton - Secretary/Treasurer

SHOW AND TELL

by Mike Metras

JANUARY MEETING

Don Dool, following his theme of siege coins, showed three coins of governments in exile. They were from the Free French territories of French Equatorial Africa, Cameroon, and Madagascar during WWII. All were minted in Pretoria, south Africa.

Don also showed four other siege coins, but my notes are sketchy. The first was a 1709 piece, a tournaiss(?). The next was a 1578 four sous of Deventer. Then there was the 1590 one sou of Geneva made to pay the soldiers. Finally there was the 1573 1 laird of Leiden.

Don also showed a book on siege coins written several years ago by Frank Lappa. The book included a picture of the very same 16th century coin he had shown a couple months before. Carl added to the story telling Don that the author had subsequently been convicted of killing another dealer.

Carl Wolf, continuing his series on odd and curious moneys, showed a framed currency bar used between the 17th to 20th centuries in Nigeria. Made in England of brass, the around one and a half pound bar had no marks and was about a yard long. It was always bent more or less in the form of a croquette hoop. In 1698, 38 of these bought a slave. Later one bought 6 iron knives. In 1856 one bar was valued at one British shilling. They were no longer imported from England after 1904.

Mark Wieclaw showed a 1955 proof set in an original envelop. It was the envelop, not the proof set that was the interesting item. The envelop was a Ben's Coin Shop envelop. Ben's preceded RARCOA, which in turn preceded the current inhabitants of the same Clark Street location, Harlan J. Berk, Ltd.

Next Mark showed dollar bills his daughter had folded into a bow tie, a "Buffalo Bill," a frog, an elephant, a peacock, and a dime-in-ring. She received a book for Christmas telling her how to make all these.

Mark then showed two Corinthian staters with difficult-to-find full flan images of Athena on one side and Pegasus on the other. On each, the image of Athena and the image of Pegasus were facing the opposite directions.

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Finally Mark showed a Roman Republican denarius with Minerva on the obverse and Apollo and a quadriga (four-horse chariot) on the reverse. But the coup was that the coin was double struck so that you could easily see the rotated second image on both sides.

Bob Weinstein showed a punched silver bar coin of the Indian kingdom of Magada. The coin was used sometime between 1600 and 400 BC. Next he showed a very crude, Sassanid-like, silver coin from around 700 Bukara. The copied fire altar was almost unrecognizable.

Bob's last item was a copy of a 1484 half thalar of Tyrol. The interesting thing is that this is one of the first western coins to have the numeral 4 in the format we have it now. Several other forms of the numeral were used before the one on this coin.

Finally **Bill Burd** showed a wonderful 1911 auction catalog of William H. Wooden. It included several plates of silver and gold coins, including the 1870-S three-dollar gold piece. This beautiful book is one of only three known.

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SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

by Mike Metras

JANUARY MEETING

During our January meeting, Tim Kyzivat showed many slides of the bank notes of the National Banks of Chicago and several surrounding communities that were eventually incorporated into Chicago. Tim has been collecting bank notes for 30 years and Chicago National Bank notes for 23 of those 30.

Tim showed many slides, each an example of a bill of one of the Chicago National Banks or of one of the National Banks of one of the towns that became part of Chicago.

He showed several examples of the first National Bank charter period. These notes had standard front and back features. Tim pointed out the reverses of the 1, 2, and 5 dollar notes. Each had a form of the national eagle on the left and the Illinois eagle on the right. A scene with Columbus was in the center of the one. Sir Walter Raleigh and company stood in the center of the two. And the pilgrims landed in the center of the reverse of the five. He showed a note of a bank that closed in 1877 when the president of the bank ran off with all the money. He showed a \$5 note of the Union National Bank of Chicago, a bank that gave out a 25 percent dividend in its first year and then fell as the result of an 1863 run on many banks. Another bank, the Atlas National Bank of Chicago only issued \$13,000 in notes during its 11 years of existence.

Of towns that were ultimately incorporated into Chicago, Tim showed bills of the Austin National Bank, the Bowmanville National Bank, the Interstate National Bank of Hegwisch, the Oakland National Bank of Hyde Park, the Irving Park National Bank, the Union Stock Yard National Bank of Lake, Illinois, the Drovers National Bank of the Union Stock Yards of Lake, Illinois, and the Rogers Park National Bank. The second stock yard bank's name was quite a mouthful.

Tim readily answered questions during the talk to educate those of us not familiar with the standard terms of this period and this corner of numismatics. And during the lively question and answer period after the talk, Tim answered many questions. To one question he said that while there were a lot of notes issued by many banks, some have very few surviving examples and some have none.

Tim left us feeling that we had not only seen several beautiful slides of Chicago National Bank Notes but that we had learned new things about National Bank Notes, their role in the history of Chicago, and about the history of Chicago itself. Thanks, Tim.

NUMISMATIC MAILING LISTS

by Paul R. Hybert

In the last few years, many people around the world have started using the Internet. The two biggest uses of the Internet are web browsing and sending email. In this article, I will explain and show examples of a powerful method of using email -- the mailing list.

In its simplest implementation, a mailing list appears as just a regular email address; anyone can send mail to that address. But when mail is received at that address, it is not just one person who sees it; instead, a separate copy of that email is sent to everyone on the list. There are a number of numismatic mailing lists out there, with more being created all the time, whenever a need arises. Although each list serves its own audience, all lists have certain characteristics.

There are two important email addresses for each mailing list. One address is for posting; an email sent there is, in turn, sent to all subscribers to the list. The other address is for list administration tasks; subscribing yourself to a list, unsubscribing yourself from a list, and other tasks. (Note: one administration address could be used to manage many different mailing lists.)

Since email is sent only to members of the list, your first task is to "subscribe" to the list. Since computers programs are performing the actual email delivery, it should come as no great surprise that all lists have the "subscribe" step performed by a computer program also. Although this allows for quick service, it is very unforgiving of formatting errors in the "subscribe" operation. For example, to subscribe to the mailing list for the Chicago Coin Club, a no-subject, two-line message body of:

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subscribe CCC-L  
end
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must be sent to the address majordomo@ece.iit.edu using your favorite mailing program.

Since the "subscribe" operation is performed by a computer, it will be performed quickly; expect an email response within 10 minutes. Save the response for future reference as it contains instructions on using this list. Now that you are on the list, you will receive a copy of every email sent to the list.

But how do YOU send something to everyone on the list?

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You send something to the list by sending email to a particular address for that list. If you do not remember it, read the instructions sent to you when you joined the list. For example, mail sent to: CCC-L@ece.iit.edu is sent to all members of the Chicago Coin Club list.

Each mailing list has its own charter detailing the appropriate use of that list; please keep mailings on topic. For example, do not try to sell a U.S. \$20 gold piece on NUMISM-L; that list is for ancient or medieval coins (pre-1454 C.E.) and does not want "for sale" posts. In my opinion, NUMISM-L is currently the best list out there. Send the following one-line message body:

SUBSCRIBE NUMISM-L

to the address LISTSERV@VM.SC.EDU to subscribe. After subscribing to a list, spend the first week just reading the messages, getting a feel for the list. If it is not for you, you can always "unsubscribe" from the list according to the instructions sent to you. Usually, your first mail to a list would include a line or two about your collecting interest and experience. This is not mandatory, and it could be presented as part of the background for your first question to the group. But you should include your full name and email address in every email to the list; the message header might become separated from the body and lost by the mailer program used by some recipients.

Although Medieval Islamic coins are on topic for NUMISM-L, there were never many messages pertaining to them. Then after one subscriber described his area of interest, some one else mailed a question related to his own interest, and after a few more people sent messages someone else started a mailing list for Medieval Islamic coins. Only time will tell if it will last, but it looks healthy so far. Send a one-line message:

SUBSCRIBE Islamic_coins

to the address islamic_coins-subscribe@egroups.com to join this list.

Some of the subscribers to NUMISM-L felt constrained by the non-commercial nature of that list, so they started another list for ancient or medieval coins. Send a blank email to join-ancientcoinmarket@telelists.com to join that list.

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The mailing lists described so far all send mail to their subscribers as soon as it is received at the list address, without any editing or moderating. That is not the only way to constitute a list. The list for the Early American Coppers club sends out a weekly compilation of all mail sent to the editor in the previous week. (That list is for current EAC members only.) The list for the Numismatic Bibliomania Society also sends out a weekly newsletter by its editor, but you need not be a member of NBS to receive the mailing; the intended audience is members and friends of the NBS. Email a note to the editor, Wayne Homren, at whomren@coinlibrary.com to join.

The NBS is only a few months old; a numismatic book list sponsored by the Harry Bass Research Foundation has been around for much longer, but it suffers from off topic mailings. That list is set up so that anyone can join, and you do not even have to be a member of the list in order to send mail to the list. After the list address became known by airplane ticket brokers, chain letter senders, and other get-rich-quick schemers, the on-topic mailings are at about 50%. Coupled with some other problems, this "Flying Dutchman" of a mailing list is not for everyone, but there is some wheat there amongst the chaff. Send a one-line message:

subscribe biblionumis-L

to the address listserv@NETCOM.COM to join, but keep the "unsubscribe" instructions you receive from them.

Although I subscribe to all of the lists described so far, these are not the only numismatic lists available. Watch the numismatic press, web sites, and existing mailing lists for announcements of new mailing lists. Mailing lists are an excellent way to keep up with current developments, and I encourage everyone with email to try any mailing list that concentrates on any of their areas of interest.

Please email prh@ece.iit.edu with any questions you have.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Mar 7	James R. Budd	1964
Mar 7	Bruno Rzepka	1968
Mar 11	George Lill, III	
Mar 16	Donald R. Srbeny	1987
Mar 16	Michael Brodsky	1991
Mar 16	Joseph T. Tomasko	1984
Mar 19	Charles Ricard	1963
Mar 20	Sidney Bick	1953
Mar 23	Eileen Peterson	1982
Mar 25	David B. Silberman	1971
Mar 29	Arthur C. Allen	1966
Mar 29	Nancy Wilson	1984
Mar 31	Andrew E. Michyeta, III	1984



OUR 961st MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 10, 1999

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

FEATURED

SPEAKER: **Alexander Basok**
The Numismatic Collection at the Hermitage

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This meeting will reconvene at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition.

DATE: Saturday, February 20, 1999

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: Ramada O'Hare Hotel
6600 N. Mannheim Road
Rosemont, Illinois

FEATURED

SPEAKER: **Art Kagin**
*A 70 Year Retrospective of Collections,
Dealers and Numismania*

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Editor's Notes

February's meeting was in two parts, therefore we had two featured speakers. Both talks were very interesting and for those who missed one or both see *Speakers Wor[l]d*. Also in this month's *Chatter* is an informative article by William Swoger on turn-of-the-century Chicago coin collector Isaac Excell.

The second part of our February meeting was held at the Chicago Paper Money Expo. We had a table at the show and sold \$207.50 worth of club material thanks to the efforts of Carl Wolf and other volunteers manning the table. Steve Eyer, a dealer from Mt. Zion, Il. donated a number of catalogs titled *Moneycard Collecting Made Easy*, to be given to all the members attending our March meeting. This is a forty-two page color pamphlet published by Amos Press.

Remember this month's meeting is regular time and place and next month's meeting will be at the Ramada O'Hare on April 10th in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair.

William A. Burd



BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Apr 1	Charles J. Ryant, Jr.	
Apr 2	Chuck Swanson	1996
Apr 12	Mark Wieclaw	
Apr 15	Robert D. Leonard, Jr.	1983
Apr 15	Charles Menard	1995
Apr 18	Nancy Walsh	1997
Apr 27	Don Valenziano	1982
Apr 27	Patrick J. Wooldridge	1998

OUR 962nd MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, March 10, 1999

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
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FEATURED
SPEAKER: **Bob Leonard**
U. S. Postage Stamps Used as Money

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MINUTES OF THE 961st MEETING

The 961st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Carl Wolf on February 10th at 7pm at the First National Bank of Chicago. Minutes from the January meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Carl announced the death of member George Lill III and members observed a moment of silence for George. There were no guests at this portion of the meeting.

First Vice President, Steve Zitowsky introduced member Alex Basok who spoke on the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. Afterwards, Steve presented Alex with the ANA Educational Award and the Featured Speaker Medal. Bob Feiler was also presented with his ANA Educational Award and Featured Speaker Medal for being the featured speaker at the December holiday banquet meeting.

Exhibitors for the evening were Alex Basok, Don Dool, Bill Burd, Phil Carrigan, Bob Feiler, Reid Geisler, Bob Leonard, Chuck Menard, Mike Metras, Bill Swoger, mark Wieclaw and Carl Wolf.

Under old business Steve Zitowsky mentioned the line up of speakers for upcoming club meetings. Art Kagin will talk on recollections of collecting for 70 years at the CPMX portion of this meeting on Saturday, February 20, 1999. Bob Leonard will talk on stamps as currency at the March meeting. Bob Hoge, ANA Museum Curator, will talk on coins of a flying tiger at the CICF meeting in April. Followed by Warren Schultz in May speaking on ugly Mamaluk silver coins.

Continuing under old business, Mike Metras mentioned he was about finished with the CPMX Souvenir Sheet. Krause Publications will subsidize one half of this cost for the club. Bob Leonard is working on the souvenir card for the CICF meeting. The ANA wants to design a postage cancellation for use at the Annual ANA Convention. Phil Carrigan is making progress lining up speakers for the numismatic theatre.

Richard Hamilton reported the medal count to date as follows: 58 bronze, 9 bronze process, 28 silver and 2 gold. There next was discussion on medal production. Bronze will be ordered at 25 over the final count with the idea of future sales. The club is to receive bronze #1 and silver #1 for the archives. Also, an effort will be made to match numbers of those who also ordered the 75th Anniversary plaque. Considering medal production and costs some members made donations to the club Treasury to help defray production costs.

Under new business, Bill Burd was recognized for absorbing some of the cost of printing the Chatter, in this case \$500.00.

This portion of the 961st meeting was then recessed at 9:20PM and was reconvened on Saturday, February 20th at CPMX held at the Ramada O'Hare by President Carl Wolf.

First Vice President, Steve Zitowsky announced the speaker for this portion of the meeting, Art Kagin, speaking on his recollections of 70 years of collecting. Art brought along his gold medal of the 500th CCC meeting for all to see. After his highly entertaining and humorous talk, Art was presented with the ANA Educational Certificate and Featured Speaker Medal.

After Steve Zitowsky mentioned the line up again for the upcoming speakers, Carl Wolf related that the 80th Anniversary plaque will be ready at the CICF meeting. Kermit Wasmer was then introduced to talk on the ANA Annual Convention in August. Paul Hybert, Brian Stubbs and Phil Carrigan were recognized as being in charge of certain committees for the annual convention.

At this point, member Bob Feiler was recognized for all of his prior work in putting together the CPMX Souvenir Sheets from earlier years. The 1999 CPMX Souvenir Sheet was authored by member Mike Metras who briefly related some of the history surrounding notes of this type. Others recognized were Chuck Menard who secured the windowed envelopes for the current CPMX sheet and Herb and Martha Schingoethe who generously loaned notes from their collection to be reproduced on the current CPMX souvenir sheet as well as CPMX sheets from prior years.

At this point, the souvenir sheets were distributed to all in attendance with #1 going to the club archives and #2 to the featured speaker, Art Kagin.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer

SPEAKERS WOR[L]D

by Dr. Saul Needleman

February 20, 1999

Arthur M. Kagin spoke on the subject "Recollections of 70 Years of Collecting" as guest speaker of CCC at the Chicago Paper Money Show on Saturday, February 20, 1999. The double theme of the presentation dealt with how he started collecting (and dealing) and on the need for promoting the hobby of numismatics and exonumismatics among the general population.

Art Kagin has been a member of the ANA for 60 years and has belonged to CCC for almost the same period. He is a co-founder of PNG and holds the ANA Medal of Merit and Past-President's Medal. He has been an active collector since 1928. He considers the idea of buying coins and paper money as getting paid for having fun. His contact with the hobby began at age 13 when he worked for a coin and stamp dealer. At 15, he opened a branch store for that dealer and at 16 bought the fixtures of another store from the widow of the owner and created a third branch store. In 1932, when told that this Des Moines store was too small and would not succeed, he took over the store and went national having his first sale shortly after taking over. In 1983 he completed his 388th sale. In 1938, Art founded the Des Moines Coin Club and became member No. 13. The 50th anniversary of the founding was celebrated with a rolled out buffalo nickel in 1986. In 1938, Henry Ripstra, then President of the ANA, together with Kagin, Vernon Sheldon, Harry Boosel and several others, created a medal for the founding of the Iowa Numismatic Association. Part of Art Kagin's coin stock came from the sale of Whitman cards to young collectors which he then redeemed for \$3.00 after they were filled with the 81 coins they held.

Art stated that the CCC had a number of very strong collectors who loved collecting. He particularly cited Virgil Brand saying that if only ten pieces of a certain coin were known to exist, Brand was sure to own nine of them. He told a number of anecdotes about early CCC members and how they had a high quality of life sustained by seeking specific coins of interest. Brand's brother took over the V. Brand collection which then was appraised at \$2,000,000 and it grew steadily to many-fold beyond that value.

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Of special interest to Art Kagin was the elevation of numismatics to a formal educational level. He said he had often been able to seduce universities to do what he wanted them to do with respect to his goal. Together with Admiral Dodson (a President of the ANA), Mr. Judd, Eric Newman, Ken Bressett, Nate Shapiro, Joe Siegel and others, Art was able to convince Rolf Weil, former President of Roosevelt University in Chicago to open the Foundation for Numismatic Education, using numismatics to tell the story of civilization. A seminar was planned and Weil prepared 'diplomas' for the lectures at the seminar. The project eventually failed when Weil realized that the University was not going to get the amount of money that he thought it would. One part of the plan, however, did come to be. As a member of the University faculty at the time (1965), this writer was able to arrange for a special numismatic library at the University, backed by the efforts of CCC in obtaining books. The library is open to the public and is still in existence. The proposal foundation seminar lectures were packaged as a book and copies were donated to many University libraries around the country.

Art felt that the need for popularizing the hobby among the general public is still a necessity. He appealed to the older members of CCC to speak to AARP (as an example) members on the benefits of collecting coins or paper money. He also urged presentations before younger people. When considering whether or not collecting was a good investment, Art assured the audience that it was among the best, and added that it had the additional benefit of letting one live longer and keeping the mind alive. He suggested that the hunt for specific pieces of interest was an adventure that created a mental state that was good for the hunter. As an example of the investment potential of paper money, Art pointed to the case of William Philpott, Jr., former secretary of the Texas Bankers Association, who pursued National Banknotes and early on amassed a collection of 300 books, each containing 100 notes, and worth more than \$300,000 by the time he acquired his last National note of interest. As another example, he referred to a collector who pursued a certain large cent for over ten years. When he finally was able to obtain the desired piece, he literally had an 'orgasm'. Philpott converted Art to the collecting of paper money. It was pointed out that 14 years ago there was only one paper money show (Memphis), but the field has now grown to the point where there are a large number of paper money shows all over the country throughout the year.

The many anecdotes of collecting and of collectors made for an interesting presentation. Art Kagin was presented with a CCC Speakers Medal and with an ANA Educational Award.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 10 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Bob Leonard** on
U. S. Postage Stamps Used as Money

Postage stamps have been used as money in place of coins chiefly in Gold Rush California, during the Civil War, and during the Great Depression. Some of these were issued in little encasements by a variety of businesses for advertising purposes as well as to make change—among them the Tremont House in Chicago, one of whose proprietors later founded the Drake Hotel. Stamp money from all three periods, including rare encased stamps, will be displayed.

Apr 10 CCC Meeting - Held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1pm-
Featured Speaker - ANA Museum Curator, **Bob Hoge** on
Coins of a Flying Tiger - *Marvin E. Wegner*

May 12 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Warren C. Schultz** on
Ugly Mameluke Silver



ISAAC EXCELL

by William Swoger

David Sklow, a friend of mine who is associated with the MONEY TREE, asked me, "Who was 'I. EXCELL'?" Dave wanted to know because his research indicates that I. Excell joined the ANA without ever filling out an application or paying dues. I sent him this answer:

On 17 January, 1824, Isaac and Ann (Pegler) Excell of Wotton, Under Edge, Gloucestershire, England, welcomed the birth of their son, Robert Excell.

At a very early age young Robert was compelled to take care of himself. In 1844 he secured a license as a dealer in china, glassware and crockery. A short time later he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner in Wotton. In 1854 he migrated to America and landed in New York City. He then went to Albany where he worked at his trade and married Emily the daughter of John Kirkby, formally of Aswalby, England. Shortly afterward he returned to New York City with his bride. He managed the construction of French's Hotel and some other large structures. In 1848 he moved to Brantford, Canada. By now his family included a young son, whom he named Isaac. Here he managed a sash, door and blind factory. In 1856 he moved to Chicago. For a short time he lived on the North side, but afterward established a carpentry jobbing business on the West side, at the corner of Madison and Rucker Streets. In 1858 he moved to what was then Cleaverville, where Lake Avenue crossed Thirty-seventh Street. In those days it was just wooded sand dunes. He purchased an acre of land on Moonaway Place which was later called Rhodes Avenue for \$1000 and built a house there. The deed proved defective so he bought 1 ½ acres of land on the northwest corner of Thirty-ninth Street and Cottage Grove Avenue and moved his house to this location, subsequently erecting the first double brick house on Cottage Grove Avenue. Several years later he moved to 337 Oakwood Boulevard.

During the Civil War, when Camp Douglas was employed as a prison camp for the Confederate soldiers, Robert Excell took notice of the large number of people who lined up outside the camp wall to get a glimpse of the goings on inside through the cracks in the high fence. Conceiving the idea of building an observatory from which they could better satisfy their curiosities, he applied to the Government for permission to build such, and was so granted. He leased sixteen feet square of ground adjacent to the prison wall, on the east side of Cottage Grove Avenue, now near Thirty-second Street.

Here he and his son Isaac built a tower fifty feet high, reached by four flights of stairs open on all sides. (These were days when liability laws were not effected.) Initially a charge of ten cents per person was charged, but this was reduced to five cents per person when the structure was completed. It was unusual for a paid attendance to exceed 2,500 people in a single day, resulting in an income of \$125 per day.

The first story of the observatory served as a restaurant for the visitors as well as the soldiers encamped locally. Here soldiers were always certain of a meal whether they could pay or not, as they were allowed to run a bill until payday.

There were a number of Confederate officers who were permitted to go about the city on their parole of honor, and they made their headquarters on Ellis Avenue near Thirty-sixth Street, with Charles Walsh, a Government contractor. Ellis Avenue was little more than a wagon track cut through woods in those days, and the house mentioned was one of only a few which stood between Thirty-second and Thirty-ninth Streets, the stretch that Robert Excell traveled between his home and the observatory he had built. One night on his way home, Mr. Excell observed some suspicious activities of some of the men at his house. After investigating the occurrence he reported to General Sweet and a raid was made on the house. It was revealed that the Confederate officers here were making an arsenal of the building, preparatory to an attack on Camp Douglas to free the prisoners. This discovery probably saved the lives of many people.

When the observatory was first erected, the Excells were obligated to take small checks from businessmen along with stamps and tokens, as small change was virtually nonexistent in circulation. This situation was alleviated with the introduction of fractional currency by the government late in 1862. Yet all this peculiar specie interested Robert Excell and his son Isaac, and they both began their numismatic endeavors at this time. The observatory was operated until the close of the war.

After the war Robert Excell established a grocery at the corner of Thirty-fifth Street and Cottage Grove Avenue, only the second store of Twenty-sixth Street. Here he also offered meats and animal feed. After a short time, Mr. Excell sold the store and returned to the more profitable business of contracting and building. With \$35,000 he established the first comprehensive greenhouse in the West, and for four years managed it as the Chicago Floral Company.

This firm issued the first floral catalogue ever issued by a greenhouse in Chicago. Mr. Excell invented a boiler for water heating purposes for this enterprise and secured a patent for it. He made boilers for the Lincoln and Humboldt Park greenhouses as well. He introduced it in many other public and private buildings in Chicago and in the East.

His wife, Emily died in 1872, being survived by seven children.

Isaac, the eldest, lived in Chicago all his life. He married Geneva A. Palmester and had three children: Fred O., Eveyln Virginia and Irene Claudia (Mrs. I. Y. Wallace of Chicago).

This is just a matter of local history and geography but it is still of interest that the 3rd Annual Convention of the American Numismatic Association was held on August 21st, 1893, at the Douglas Pavillion, corner of 36th Street and Cottage Grove in Chicago, right in the geographical midst of this story. Returning to the original question, "Who was I. Excell?", I can only offer the following:

Isaac Excell was a member of the Chicago Numismatic Society by February 9, 1906, yet I can't establish just when he joined it.

He advertised in "The Numismatist" in 1903 on pages 25, 60, 90, 124, 158, 187, 220, 318, 347 and 376 at 4727 Champlain: he sent in changes of address published in Dec., 1902, p. 380 to 4727 Champlain Ave., Chicago, IL; and July, 1903; p. 214 to 4717 Champlain St., Hyde Park, IL. Why he was listed as member #95 in the 1907 ANA directory, p. 150, replacing Rollin H. Smith of 332 N. State Street of Chicago, who joined in May of 1892 (p. 77) and probably never renewed his membership will probably never be known.

Ben Green sold some of Isaac Excell's coins in his sixth sale of July 18, 1903; B. Max Mehl offered more in his April 12, 1927 sale, and then printed Excell's letter of thanks as a "testimonial" in his later promotions, showing that Excell was not dead by the time of the sale.

And so I trust that there is some information here which will add to our understanding of Chicago's numismatic heritage.

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Editor's Notes

Remember, this month's meeting is being held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1pm on Saturday, April 10, 1999.

We could not get "Show and Tell" into last month's Chatter, so this month has two "Show and Tell's", one covering the February meeting and one for the March meeting.

The Central States Numismatic Society is holding their Annual Spring Show in Milwaukee on April 23rd, 24th and 25th. This is a major show with exhibits, club meetings, talks, etc. It is well worth the trip. Hope to see you there.

Carl Wolf informs me the Pioneer plaquettes will be available (to members who ordered them) at the CICF show including bronze, silver and the process set. The gold plaquette will be on display for viewing at the club table.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 962ND MEETING

The 962nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Carl Wolf on March 10th at 7pm at the First National Bank of Chicago. Approval of minutes from the prior meeting were delayed until the May meeting since not all members had received the Chatter. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Guests for the evening were Sean Judd and Leonard Augsberger. There was a second reading for Damon Todd Skinner, Al Sawyer, Michael B. Doran, Dennis P. Ciechna and Gregory Gajda. These individuals were then welcomed to membership to the CCC.

The featured speaker for the evening was past President and member Bob Leonard who spoke on *U. S. Postage Stamps as Currency*. At the conclusion of his informative talk, Bob was presented with the Educational Certificate from the ANA as well as the featured speaker medal from the CCC.

First VP Steven Zitowsky gave an update on future speakers. Robert Hoge will speak on *Coins of a Flying Tiger* at CICF. In May, Warren Schultz will talk on *Ugly Mamaluk Silver Coins* while Louis Jordan will speak on *The Numismatic Collection at Notre Dame* at the June meeting.

Exhibitors for the evening were: Alex Basok, Mark Wieclaw, Carl Wolf, Don Dool, Mike Metras, Bob Leonard, Bob Feiler, Denise Kitchen, Joel Reznick and Chet Poderski.

Under old business, there will be no regular April meeting due to CICF. Bob Leonard is working on the CICF souvenir sheet. The next committee meeting for the upcoming ANA Convention will be at CSNS in Milwaukee on April 24th.

Regarding the 80th Anniversary Meeting and Medal, Richard Hamilton gave the current order count for the 80th Anniversary plaque, Carl Wolf spoke on medal production. Members decided against furnishing cake and coffee at the meeting due to cost. Also, the club will donate 1 bronze plaque of the 80th Anniversary to the ANA, ANS and the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Tulsa, Oklahoma where Fraser's famous statue The End of the Trail is located.

There was no report from the audit committee and Phil Carrigan said that the Numismatic Theatre is filling up.

There was no new business.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Hamilton - Secretary/Treasurer

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 10 CCC Meeting - Held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel at 1pm-
Featured Speaker - ANA Museum Curator, **Bob Hoge** on
Coins of a Flying Tiger - Marvin E. Wegner

Bob Hoge, ANA Museum Curator, will speak on "The Coins of a Flying Tiger", discussing the recent acquisition by the museum of the collection of Marlow E. Wegner, who during WWII was a US pilot in China. Wegner learned the language and put together an interesting and valuable collection of Chinese numismatics.

May 12 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Warren C. Schultz** on
Ugly Mameluke Silver

Warren Schultz, Assistant Professor of History at De Paul University, will speak on "Ugly Mameluke Silver", covering some interesting coins from the Islamic world of the 11th - 16th Century AD.

June 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Louis Jordan** on
The Numismatic Collections of the University of Notre Dame Libraries

Louis Jordan, Librarian and Director of Special Collections at the University of Notre Dame, will speak on the University's numismatic collections in general, and specifically on colonial and early US coppers.

SPEAKER'S WORK

by Mike Metras

MARCH MEETING

During our march meeting Robert Leonard gave a presentation on stamps that have been used as money.

Postage stamps have been used as money three times during the history of the United States: first during the California Gold Rush days, next during the Civil War, and finally during the depression.

During the Gold Rush all types of money were in short supply. People used small change from many countries. In 1854 Adams and Company issued a stamp-like 25 cent cardboard useable for small change and poker chips. Several other companies issued similar items during this time of shortage.

The shortages of the Civil war brought the next use of postage stamps as money. On August 1, 1862 postage stamps were legalized for small change.

The following stamps were used for small change [value (Scott number)]: \$0.01 (63), \$0.03 (65), \$0.05 (75), \$0.10 (68), \$0.12 (69), \$0.24 (70), \$0.30 (71), and \$.009 (72). All the ones used are shade specific and very difficult to acquire and expensive in mint condition. Only uncanceled stamps circulated as currency.

The first fractional currency notes were called "stamps", not currency. It was only later called fractional currency.

The stamps used for small change were usually kept in small envelopes with advertising.

Encased postage was patented in 1862. The encasing was a brass ring holding slightly folded stamps with a mica window and advertising on the back. All the above listed stamps come encased with some additional 2 cent stamps.

The casings were bought by people who wanted to advertise. They were issued by 31 merchants to advertise 34 different establishments. One expert says there are 3,297 surviving pieces. The most common were 1, 3, 5, and 10 cent version because they replaced missing coins.

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These pieces are scarce because three different collector groups list them in their catalogs: stamp, coin and paper money collectors all count them as their own.

Bob then showed us three examples. A 3 cent version said "Take Ayer's Pills". This one is among the commonest of encased stamps, but even at that, there are not a lot of them.

The second was a 5 cent stamp in a Tremont House encasing. This was one of the leading hotels in Chicago. Lincoln spoke there in 1858 and Douglas died there in 1861. This one was one of 30 known of the 5 cent variety.

Finally, there was the 5 cent encasement of the Mendunis family wine emporium on Broadway Cedar Street, a delicatessen and saloon. Only 20 pieces are known of this combination encasement and stamp.

The Confederates also used stamps as money. Bob had an 1863 20 cent variety with Washington. But theirs are easy to obtain in mint condition verses their northern counterparts.

The third period when stamps were used as money was the during the depression's bank holiday of March 6-11, 1933, when all the banks were closed. It is known that Atlanta taxis accepted stamps for fare during that time.

And finally, stamps have been used informally for small transactions occurring through the mail for a long time. Bob had a 6 cent stamp he got as change for a mail order a long time ago.

Thanks, Bob, for an interesting talk.

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SHOW AND TELL

by Mike Metras

FEBRUARY MEETING

Alexander Basok started off Show and Tell with a couple fake Russian error coins sold on the Internet at www.ebay.com. Both sold for more than \$200. The first a supposed 1801 2 Kopek struck on the planchet of a 1769 1 Kopek. The second was a completely impossible "double brokage," incuse on both sides.

Don Dool concentrated on South America's three Guyanas: British, Dutch, and French. He showed a one Stiver of Essequibo and Demeray (British Guyana at one time) with its ugly head of George III. Next was the 1957 Cent of Surinam, the same as the Netherlands Cent of the time. An earlier uniface 1679 Duit of Dutch Guyana had a bird on a tree limb with one leaf. To cover earlier French Guyana, Don showed a 1789 1 Sous of Cayenne with the A mint mark of Paris.

Not forgetting his overriding siege theme, Don also had an 1820 quarter Real of Santa Marta, Columbia's oldest city. Held by the Royalists, Santa Marta issued the coin while under siege by the Republican forces during Columbia's war for independence. Don bought the coin in a 1902 collector's envelop.

Bill Burd showed a loose leaf binder that contained the notes of Jacob Shapero used during the '40s. It included notes of a Stack's sale in 1944 and one of Numismatics Galleries in 1948. Shapero died in 1962. His son was partners with Ben's coins and together, the partners became RACOA.

Phil Carrigan had a sale book of Harry Bass that he bought from the sale of Bass' numismatic library. He also had a Part III of the auction catalog of WWC Wilson's collection. Phil is still looking for Part IV of this cataloged auction. He showed a book plate of Bass and another of Armond Champer. Finally, he showed a 1895 Scott Stamp and Coin Sale catalog of Canadian Coins and Tokens.

Bob Feiler showed a reproduction of a 1792 silver centered cent. A tax company in the south made it as a card to advertise their business. Next, continuing his series of odd-denominated bills, he showed a six dollar colonial note of 1774 with a equivalent value of 27 shillings. Finally, he showed a Columbian Exposition flip-top box with a medal on the cap.

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Reid Geisler showed one of his first Maryland quarters. It had the first error we have heard about: a filled "d" in Rodney's name.

Bob Leonard showed some of his documentation on when the fractional California gold was introduced. A June 29, 1852, New Orleans, LA, newspaper reported that it had examined a California gold half dollar. A March 29, 1952, California paper said that the Philadelphia mint had minted gold dollars and half dollars and that the "half dollars were more convenient than the dollars." Bob is leaning towards late spring of 1852 as the time these coins were introduced to the public.

Chuck Menard showed a new 1999 British five-pound coin memorializing Diana, Princess of Wales. There is a silver and a gold version. Chuck says this is the first British memorial coin since the 1965 Churchill memorial crown.

Chuck also had a coin of Pope John Paul I who was pope for a very short time. But John Paul I did not serve the shortest stint. Steven was a pope for only seven days. Peter, our first, was pope for the longest at 33 years. Pius IX, 1846-1877, was a close second at 32 years. John Paul II, the current Pope has only been there 20 years.

Chuck provided the perfect transition for Mike Metras who had a token of St Eligius the (Catholic) patron saint of metallurgy and coin collectors. St Eligius, whose feast day is December 1st was born in 590 and died in 660. In between he was a mint master and metalworker and diplomat and church builder and good deed doer. In the process of looking for information on St Eligius, Mike found an outstanding Internet site with art work from all ages--more than a thousand. If you like art even a little bit, you must take a few minutes to look at www.metalab.unc.edu/cgfa. You will stay for a while.

Bill Swoger showed an eight escudo gold coin of Mexico, one of the five known Charlos III gold coins counterstamped with a 7 mm "16". He also had a 20,000 Reis of Brazil where gold circulated by weight. This is the only know counterstamp of a 20,000 Reis.

Mark Wieclaw showed four Roman coins. The first was a 253-260 provincial copper coin of Galarian with huge images of Apollo and Titan. The next was a coin of Diadumenian who, at ten years, was a Caesar from 217 to 218 while his father Macrinus was Augustus. He was killed the next year when his father lost power. The scarce to rare denarius was in very nice condition, like most are.

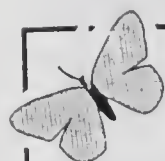
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Mark's third coin was an large, copper As of Faustina Senior, the wife of Antoninus Pius. The coin, issued after her death, was dedicated to the "Divine Faustina," now a goddess. A temple with a statue to her in it graced the reverse.

Finally, Mark showed a denarius with a boat and legionary numbers. It looked a lot like a legionary denarius of Mark Anthony of the mid-first century BC. But rather, it was one of Markus Aurelius and Lucius Varus, issued 200 years later in the middle of the second century.

Carl Wolf showed his mounted African spear-head money, which was a common medium of exchange in many countries. A History Channel show noted that only after agreeing to the exchange for some pigs did the participants of a particular exchange go back and make the spears for payment. African iron spear heads evolved from being purely weapons to being a medium of exchange. As they did so, they became more decorated and less like weapons. Carl reported that in French Cameroon on November 6, 1935, 300 spear heads were used for the price of a wife.

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BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

May 2	Donn Pearlman	1979
May 3	Roy R. Grundy	1981
May 5	Dennis Fuller	1997
May 10	Marty Vink	1952
May 11	William A. Burd	1993
May 11	Jeffrey Rosinia	1995
May 15	Jay Galst, MD	1991
May 17	Paul R. Hybert	1994
May 17	Shirley Valenziano	1984
May 23	Robert J. Weinstein	1991
May 25	John G. Ross	

OUR 963rd MEETING

DATE: Saturday, April 10, 1999

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Ramada O'Hare Hotel

FEATURED

SPEAKER:

Bob Hoge

Coins of a Flying Tiger - Marvin E. Wegner

Held in conjunction with the Chicago International
Coin Fair

SHOW AND TELL

by Mike Metras

MARCH MEETING

Alexander Basok began show and Tell with a crude bractate issued by the Kazars or Volga Burgars in the eighth century between the Volga and Dan Rivers. It is an early crude imitation of an Islamic *colā*. It weighs exactly half the weight of the Islamic dirham and is very thin. It was probably impressed with its image by pressing the flan between two real coins.

Mark Wieclaw started out with an incuse one ounce bullion piece of the United States Silver Corporation. Next he showed several coins he had elongated for his parents 50th wedding anniversary: a 1949 cent, nickel, and quarter and a 1999 Delaware quarter. He then asked information on a German medal. Those present decided it was a piece honoring women and children. Finally, he showed a 1976 proof set with a cent that had moon-shaped silver look on the reverse--maybe it was left in the plating or cleaning solution with other coins.

Carl Wolf had a nail. Yes, a nail of the type used in the colonial times when nails were hard to come by and were often used for bartering. In fact according to Carl, when people moved on to new locations, the sometimes burned down their old houses in order to recover the nails. The nail Carl had was called a "butterfly" nail because of the shape of its head.

Don Dool brought us Argentina to in the form of 1996 1 peso bimetallic UNICEF coin with a child and doll. Next was a 1994 2 peso coin celebrating the 1853 Constitutional Convention. And then there was the 1997 1 peso bimetallic coin of Evita Peron. Don showed a picture of a statue of Evita in La Plata. Finally, he showed a picture of a weekly Sunday outdoor coin show in Buenos Aires. He said the coin club meets every Wednesday there.

Mike Metras showed three obsolete bank notes of the late 1850s Timber Cutter's Bank in Savanna, Georgia. All three had elaborate engravings that included Huck Finn (was he even written then?) on his barge on the river. Mike got the first two at the paper money show the day of the ending of the February meeting. Mike won the third at the Hillside Coin Club just two days earlier. The third was a five dollar version very similar to one of the others. From no obsolete notes to three of the same bank, all by accident.

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Bob Leonard showed several 1280-1300 bractate coins that had been cut in half. All were from a 1960 hoard found in Niederlerisicz, Germany. Evidently these were routinely cut in half because it is very unusual to find them whole.

Bob Feiler showed several more of his increasing collection of odd-denomination notes. First was the 1/9th of a dollar of 14 August 1774 of Annapolis. Next was the \$1.50 note with a train. Its denomination was also recorded as "1 dollar and 50 cents." And then there was the 1 dollar and 50/100 note. Finally, he showed a 100 cents note that had been cut in half for change and then put back together again. It was actually made up of three different original notes!

Denise Kitchen had a large tea brick made of molded tea and used as a form of money. It was ridged for convenient division into 16 pieces.

Joel Reznik showed several casino promotional tokens along with several Carson City Mint Press medals followed by some wooden nickels.

Chet Poderski showed several wood cuts and book cover sheets from the late 19th century. He had found them while preparing to move.

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Editor's Notes

This month's *Chatter* includes a letter from our President and also minutes of the Club's recent Board Meeting. Both include topics which effect us all and should be read. Any suggestions or ideas you have should be brought up at the next club meeting or directed to Carl Wolf or any of the other board members.

The August ANA Convention is approaching fast. Hopefully you have made plans for exhibiting. However, if you are like me your still thinking of what to exhibit. There is little time left. If you need assistance, information or ideas talk to Paul Hybert.

We are also looking for volunteers for assistance at the pre-registration desk, etc. A few hours of your time would be a great help. See the "President's Notes" for more details.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 963RD MEETING

The 963rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 1p.m. by President Carl Wolf on Saturday, April 10, 1999 with 63 members and guests in attendance. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Ramada O'Hare on River Road in Rosemont, Illinois. Steve Zitowsky introduced the speaker, Robert Hoge, Curator of the ANA Museum, who spoke on Coins of a Flying Tiger - Marvin E. Wegner.

President Wolf spoke briefly about the Club 80th anniversary medal and announced that it was for sale at the Club table in the lobby. He also spoke of the upcoming ANA Convention at the Rosemont Convention Center and invited everyone to attend. Two applications for membership received their first reading: Robert Hoge, Colorado Springs, CO and Charles L. Mitton, Denver, CO. President Wolf announced that William Burd and Paul Hybert were recipients of the Club's Medal of Merit. Mr. Burd was not in attendance, but his editorship of the newsletter, The Chatter, was cited. Dr. Saul Needleman assisted Wolf in presenting the medal to Paul Hybert who was praised for single-handedly building the Club's Web site.

President Wolf announced that there were three recently elected American Numismatic Society Fellows present: Robert Hoge, Richard Giedroyc and Club member Robert Leonard. Leonard was introduced and spoke for a few minutes on his recently authored article on African Kissi Money and the low number of books Perspectives in Numismatics still for sale.

Cliff Mishler from Krause Publications was introduced and he presented a Numismatic Ambassador's Award to Club member, Tom DeLorey.

The Kissi Money story with a genuine Kissi attached was distributed to everyone in attendance and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf
President

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

APRIL 14, 1999

A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at Cardinale's Pasta House & Café, 3139 S. Halsted and was called to order at 7 p.m. on April 14th, 1999. In attendance were President Carl Wolf, First V.P. Steve Zitowsky, Immediate Past-President Mark Wieclaw, Paul Hybert, Director, and William Burd Editor of *The Chatter*. Secretary-Treasurer Richard Hamilton joined the group later.

Carl Wolf reported that the Club had receipts of \$518.00 at the recently held Chicago International Coin Fair. He also reported that there were 19 80th anniversary medals of Fraser's Pioneers in inventory and only two copies of *Perspectives in Numismatics*.

Under a discussion of the upcoming American Numismatic Association convention the following decisions were reached:

1. Ask the membership to fund the award plaque for the Local Interest Exhibit category at an approximate cost of \$75 - \$80.
2. Order a good supply of Club business cards promoting our meeting time, site and Web site address.
3. Investigate the costs and designs around Club issued memorabilia for the convention:

- Die struck tour token produced in different metals for gifts of appreciation.

- A printed 3"-4" pulpboard coaster as a give-away at the Club table.

4. Extend an invitation to Eric Newman to speak at the Club meeting

During a discussion concerning the Club's Constitution and by-laws a contradiction was pointed out concerning the Non-Resident Members and it was decided to recommend to the membership that this membership status be eliminated. A "suitable memento" was discussed for Life Members. Steve Zitowsky reported that his electronic copy of the Constitution had become inaccessible and Paul Hybert volunteered to scan it into his computer and e-mail copies to other Board Members.

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Carl Wolf reported that he had appointed Dr. Saul Needleman and Drew Michyeta to review the Club awards and recommend any changes and/or additions. He specifically asked them for guidance and direction on the Presidential Award that got started several years ago.

The subject of a Club project was brought up and a number of suggestions were put forth. The one receiving the most positive feedback was an all day seminar with the resulting papers published in a book format. Instead of printing photographs of the coins, Paul Hybert suggested we could inexpensively put color photographs of each presenter's coins on a CD that could then be inserted inside the back cover. Everyone liked the idea.

Richard Hamilton reported that the 1998 Financial Report would be ready soon. During a discussion on financial reporting a request for having a simple report in every issue of *The Chatter* was made. Several suggestions and points of order were brought up that apply to financial reporting.

Paul Hybert requested more information for the Club's Web site. He's particularly interested in putting more content on concerning our featured speakers and past memorabilia for the upcoming ANA Convention.

Carl Wolf took a quick poll and it was decided that the next meeting would be 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, 1999 at Cardinale's Pasta House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl Wolf
President

A Note From the President

At our May 12th meeting we need to approve the Official Minutes from February through April. Be sure to read them over and be prepared to offer corrections. We've had a Board of Governors meeting and if everything goes as planned, we'll have a second one before the May meeting. A number of exciting projects was discussed so take a minute and read these meeting minutes too.

The ANA convention is just around the corner and we'd like to ask everyone to give a little of their time. We need some extra hands to help in the Pre-Registration and Registration areas. Bob Weinstein and Steve Zitowsky are heading up these committees. We're asking everyone to put in four hours on two or three days. Then you can still enjoy the show. Talk to Bob and Steve at the meetings or reach them at:

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Plan to attend our Club meeting at the convention. The date and time hasn't been officially set yet, but it'll probably be at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 14th. Eric Newman of St. Louis has agreed to be our speaker. He graciously accepted our invitation last week, but decided to wait a bit before deciding on the topic.

Paul Hybert has been doing a great job of promoting exhibits and his enthusiasm is infectious! I know of several members who are seriously considering becoming first time exhibitors. If you're one of them or even if you're an experienced exhibitor but would like some feedback, then start bringing your material into the May, June and July meetings! You must own all the numismatic material in the case, but there's nothing wrong with getting collaborative input from your friends. You don't have to bring in the numismatic material - what's important is the written portion. Let Jeff Rosinia know if you'll be doing this so he can set up more tables. He can be reached at 312-336-2548.

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Our Latin motto *Docendo Discimus* translates into *We Learn by Teaching* and case exhibiting is another branch on this tree. Those who receive awards have much to be proud of. The award itself is nothing – it's what it symbolizes. It's a public acknowledgement on a national (maybe worldwide) scale that peers have recognized your exhibit as educationally rewarding. Bear this in mind as you build your exhibit. Do it for the enjoyment, but take it seriously too! In addition to myself, some of the other members who are experienced are Mark Wieclaw, Dr. Saul Needleman, John and Nancy Wilson, and Donald Dool who just received a Second Place Award at the Central States Numismatic Society convention in Milwaukee.

Carl F. Wolf
President

IMPORTANT DATES

May 12 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Warren C. Schultz** on
Ugly Mameluke Silver

Warren Schultz, Assistant Professor of History at De Paul University, will speak on "Ugly Mameluke Silver", covering some interesting coins from the Islamic world of the 11th - 16th Century AD.

June 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Louis Jordan** on
The Numismatic Collections of the University of Notre Dame Libraries

Louis Jordan, Librarian and Director of Special Collections at the University of Notre Dame, will speak on the University's numismatic collections in general, and specifically on colonial and early US coppers.

GEORGE LILL, III (1938-1999)

George Lill, III, 60, died in Chicago on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, ending a five-year battle with cancer. Services were held at the Rosewood Cemetery at 5800 Ravenswood, at Peterson Avenue, the following Tuesday, February 2, 1999.

George was born on Friday, March 11, 1938 in the Chicago area and lived here most of his life. He moved to La Paz, Bolivia in 1992 and had resided there continuously until his death.

The Lill family was established in America when William Lill, who was born at Conningsby, Lincolnshire, England on April 2, 1808, departed England aboard the *Franklin* and landed in New York on February 12, 1834. On July 17, 1835, he arrived in Chicago with just \$2.50 in his pockets. In September of 1839 William Lill began in the brewery business, purchasing the Haas brewery along with William Butler Ogden, Chicago's first mayor. Several years later Mr. Ogden's interest was purchased by Michael Diversey, and the firm was renamed Lill & Diversey.

On Sunday evening, October 8, 1871, William Lill sat down to dinner in his new house adjacent to his brewery, for the first and last time. The conflagration known as "the Great Chicago Fire" occurred that evening and the house was totally destroyed, the loss estimated at \$500,000.00. By contrast, Michael Brand's (Brand and Busch) brewery was estimated at \$100,000.00. The Lill family eventually got out of the brewery business and into the coal and heating oil business. George was rightfully proud of his family's roots in early Chicago.

George had been a coin collector for more than four decades, a member of several numismatic organizations, a writer and contributor to several of the editions of the Krause Publications, *Standard Catalogue of World Coins*, on the coinage of Bolivia. His final numismatic interest and the one which will probably be best remembered for, was the numismatics of Bolivia. Having honed his knowledge in this field, he specialized in the medals and proclamation pieces of that country and likely became the greatest authority on the subject. Prior to this, George had specialized in foreign gold coins of which he had no small knowledge.

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My own fond memories:

I first met George about 1982 at a Lepczyk auction in Lansing, Michigan. After the auction, George, Joe O'Connor and Bill Nawrocki came over to the house for dinner, after which we had an evening of numismatic camaraderie and fellowship. This was the beginning of a friendship that would have a profound influence on my life. Once again I began to attend the meetings of the Chicago Coin Club. In 1988 I began to research some tokens through the use of genealogical information that I titled *An Introduction to Numismatic Genealogical Research*. George advised me that this article should be submitted to TAMS. I did so, and in 1991 the article was given Best Article of the Year Award. This gave me the confidence that I would need to pursue the phase of my career. I had begun exploring the reasons that Ephraim Brasher had made his famous coins, not through the writings that had already been published in our hobby, but simply through contemporary monetary footsteps. The result was that I was able to determine facts about Brasher and his coins that were not previously known in the numismatic community.

The encouragement that George gave me in the early days of my research, his feedback, the atmosphere when we got together; frankly I had never before met with such enduring kindness; this all provided the environment for my research to "bloom".

The motto of our club, "We learn by teaching", George took a step further. He taught by listening, and by his thoughtfulness he made his pupil feel important and respected. I must admit that I thoroughly enjoyed his council, his friendship and his company, and I now miss him deeply and forever. I know his many friends join me in this sentiment.

Submitted by William Swoger



BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

June 1	Russ Reaves	1995
June 7	Harlan J. Berk	1995
June 11	Joseph A. Piekarczyk	1991
June 12	Rosalind Ryant	1977
June 27	James Simek	1973
June 28	Conrad Farisch	1997
June 28	Dave Nelsen	1997

OUR 964th MEETING

DATE:	Wednesday, May 12, 1999
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	1 st National Bank Building 18 th Floor on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe
FEATURED SPEAKER:	Warren C. Schultz <i>Ugly Mameluke Silver</i>

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Editor's Notes

A Board of Governors meeting was held on May 26th. Decisions were made on "give-a-ways" for the ANA Convention in August. See page 8 for details. These will be presented to the membership at the June meeting for final approval. Come to the meeting and voice your opinion or approval.

There is a coin show at the new convention center in downtown Milwaukee on June 24th thru June 26th. Thursday is set-up and dealer day while Friday and Saturday is open to the public. There is no show on Sunday.

The Inman of Muscat 1804 Dollar will be auctioned by Bowers & Merena in NYC this August. It is the finest known and I predict it will break the record for the most money paid for one coin at auction. This dollar resided in the Chicago area for the past 80 years. It was once owned by Chicago collector Virgil Brand and later sold through dealer and club member Charles Green to the Childs family of Chicago Q. David Bowers is writing a book about the 1804 Dollars and hopes to release it in conjunction with this sale. This coin will probably be at the ANA Convention and available for our viewing. This is a *must see* coin.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 964th MEETING

The 964th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Carl Wolf on May 12th at 7pm at the First National Bank of Chicago. Minutes from prior meetings from February through April were accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Since there were no guests, first Vice President Steve Zitowsky introduced our featured speaker, Warren Schultz. Professor of History at De Paul University, speaking on *Mamluk Coinage*. Warren indicated that glass weights were used to weigh coins as they were used and that coins from other geographic areas circulated along side the Mamluk coinage. At the conclusion of his talk, Steve presented Warren with the ANA Educational certificate and the Chicago Coin Club featured speaker medal.

Exhibitors for the evening were Mark Wieclaw, Steve Zitowsky, Don Dool, Drew Michyeta, Richard Hamilton, Mike Metras, Bob Leonard, Carl Wolf, Bob Feiler and Reid Geisler.

There was a second reading for membership for Robert Hoge and Charles Mitton and both were then accepted as members.

Under old business, Bill Burd was presented with the Club Medal of Merit for all of his work on behalf of the club. Carl announced that workers are needed from the membership for pre-registration, registration and the numismatic theatre at the upcoming ANA Annual Convention in August. The featured speaker for the club meeting at the ANA Convention will be Eric Newman, topic to be announced later.

Regarding promotion of the club meeting at ANA, at an earlier board of directors meeting, there was discussion about business cards, flyers at the door, coaster token give-away and souvenir transportation tokens, and these ideas were presented to the members. The meeting time and date were set at 1pm, Saturday, August 14, 1999.

The audit committee is having difficulty meeting and a new committee may be formed.

Steve Zitowsky announced that Louis Jordan of Notre Dame University will talk on the Numismatic Collection of the University in June while Mark Wieclaw will speak in July on the Silver Coinage of Rome.

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For new business, Bob Leonard made a motion that the club donate 2 kissi money sheets from CICF and 1 Chinese knife money CICF souvenir sheet to the British museum in acknowledgment for the museum's help in the research for these sheets. Specifically, 1 kissi money sheet and 1 knife money souvenir sheet were proposed to be sent to the department of coins and medals and 1 kissi money sheet to be sent to the department of ethnography. Members agreed and the motion passed.

There was no further business so the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Hamilton - Secretary/Treasurer

IMPORTANT DATES

June 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Louis Jordan** on
The Numismatic Collections of the University of Notre Dame Libraries

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July 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Mark Wieclaw** on
The Silver Coins of Rome From the Rise of the Republic to the Fall of the Empire

Aug 11-15 ANA Annual Convention Worlds Fair of Money
Held at Rosemont Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois

Aug 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Eric Newman**,
topic to be announced. Held in conjunction with the
ANA Annual Convention Worlds Fair of Money.

SPEAKERS WOR[L]D

by Mike Metras

MAY MEETING

Warren Schultz was our featured speaker for May. Warren, an assistant professor of history at De Paul University, talked to us about the silver coinage of the Mamluk sultanate of Egypt and Syria from 1250 through 1517. He said he is known as a monetary historian because "numismatist" is not elegant enough for the academic world.

Warren started by distributing a map highlighting the major mints of Alexandria, Cairo, Damascus, Tripoli, Hama, and Aleppo, and several minor mints. The back of the map include a list of the rulers of the two major lines of Mamluk sultanates, the Bahri and the Butji.

The Mamluk sultanate was important during the period because it protected the Arab world from the invasions of the Crusaders and the Mongols.

They coined gold, silver, and copper. All show evidence that they were not carefully prepared. Planchets seldom are as big as the dies so that few coins show the full text of the inscriptions on the dies. You have to have several coins in order to determine the full text. In addition few are well struck. Hence the title "Ugly Mamluk Silver." Nice coins with clear strikes basically do not exist.

The coins seem to have been used constantly through this entire period. Many are found very worn and some with no inscription at all.

Until the fifteenth century it appears that these coins circulated by weight. Although the coins are uniformly one-third copper and two-thirds silver throughout that earlier period, Warren showed through several charts and examples that the weight of the coins varied so much that they could not have been specific denominations as such. Rather they must have traded by weight. That is, when you used them to buy something, you weighed the coins to get a certain weight of silver, instead of number of coins, to pay for the transaction.

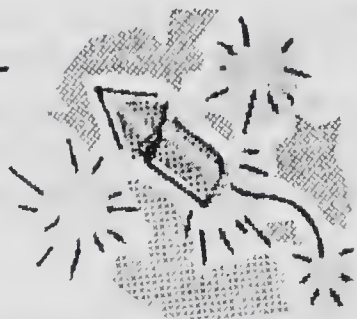
After the 1420s the coins begin to have denominations like dirham and half dirham and have consistent weights.

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To support the weight verses coin theory, Warren discussed other coinages that were likewise weighted. He also described weights from Mamluk Egypt and Syria that were quite consistent and could likely have been used for weighing the silver in the coins.

It was also evident that the law stating that bad money chases out good money was not working here because the money was not in and of itself backed by any government. Rather it was only the silver bullion value that was considered during transaction.

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**BIRTHDAYS
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YEAR JOINED**

July 4	Chester Poderski	
July 13	Gerard Anaszewicz	1981
July 19	Terry L. Capps	1996
July 19	John R. Connolly	
July 19	Richard S. Hamilton	1986
July 20	Kermit W. Wasmer	
July 27	David Simpson	1980

SHOW AND TELL

by Mike Metras

MAY MEETING

Mark Wieclaw began Show and Tell with some Roman provincial coins. First there were coins from Cyprus, Antioch, and Alexandria. These were of the adoptive series of Antoninus Pius from a time when the emperors adopted their successors. The coins had portraits on both sides. On most of these coins Antoninus Pius faces to the right on one side and Marcus Aurelius faces both right and left on the other side.

Mark's other provincial coins showed emperors known for their cloths. The first, a coin of Corinth, showed Caius Caesar, AKA Caligula, little boots. The second, from Bosperus, was of Marcus Aurelius Antoninus, AKA Caracalla, the name of a Gallic tunic.

Not to be outdone by Bob Feiler's neat notgelt of a few months back, **Steve Zitowsky** had a series of cardboard notgelt from the city of Lubeck, Germany. Together they illustrate the birth of some Germanic eagle. In the first the eagle is in the egg. Next the egg is cracking from within. Then the eagle recognizes itself. The eagle frees itself from the egg. And finally, the eagle gets it's emblem.

Don Dool showed a 1622 uniface copper (all of Don's coins are always copper so I'll not mention it again) 1 pfennig of Breslau, a city in Silesia. Next he showed two coins of Munster, the first a 1790 1 pfennig cathedral coin and the other a 1560 3 pfennig city coin. The second was of exceptional quality. Next was a 1690 3 pfennig of Warendorf with St. Laurence holding a palm branch and supporting a castle gate (a portcullis). Finally there was the 1625 square 2 sols siege coin of Breda, probably used in a poor hospital, as Don related in an email after the meeting.

Drew Michyeta had a Statue of Liberty bullion piece made in 1970 as a part of a set to commemorate famous families. He was able to get mintages of this and other pieces through the Franklin Mint. The mint made 3,223 of this particular piece.

Richard Hamilton showed several stock certificates that included the Pulman Co., Colt Manufacturing, Homestake Mining, Tonopa Divide Mining Co., and several others, including a half share in the GA-GRU Co., and a tribute to the transcontinental railroad.

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Mike Metras showed several coins he had acquired during the April CICC. These included a Greek bronze with a fine owl (maybe 2nd century BCE); a Norman Sicily coin of William II with Latin and Arabic legends (1166-1189); an English short-cross penny of John (1199-1216); a Chinese Ming dynasty cash coin (1368-1398); a penny token of the Sierra Leone company (1791); a Japanese 100 Mon oblong cast copper piece; and a Gallery Mint reproduction of a Fugio cent. Seven coins and seven centuries were covered.

Robert Leonard showed three Mamluk silver coins from the Cairo and Damascus mints of the 15th and 16th centuries. He also showed three Mamluk gold coins minted between 1411 and 1496. The coins, minted to the Venetian standard, became smaller as time passed.

Carl Wolf showed a Katanga cross, a piece of primitive money used in central Africa between the 15th and 19th century. The copper came from the Katanga area of what is now southern Congo and from northern Zambia from mines that have been carbon dated to the fourth century of the common era. The "cross" shape varies from region to region and has nothing to do with the Christian religion. As far as what the cross would buy, Carl gave us these numbers: one bought 10 kilos of flower or 1 axes; 5 to 6 bought a chicken; two bought a gun.

Bob Feiler brought some boxes. A couple Maria Theresa talers were joined and with some knobs together formed a box that stood up to display its contents. Two George III cartwheel pennies together formed a substantial box. A box made to resemble a coin or medal, was filled with small photographs of the 1937 Paris International Exposition. Bob's last item, deserving of this separate paragraph, was a wonderful lucite block incasing five pop-out coins, a Morgan, Barbers, and others. It was a feast for my eyes.

Reid Geisler started with his metal detector finds: a 1907 copper piece of the Imperial Potentate the Medina Temple, the second he has found; an 1880 Indian cent; an xf 1917-D dime; and an XF-AU 1853-O with arrows dime...all really nice finds.

But he saved the best for the end. He had a Pennsylvania quarter struck at least 80 percent off center. Before showing the quarter, he told the story of how he, Bob Feiler, and Mike Metras passed the coin back and forth for a few days in order to scan it and get it into the Coin World, where it appeared in the May 24 edition.

End

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MAY 26, 1999

A meeting of the Board of Governors was held at Cardinale's Pasta House & Café, 3139 S. Halsted was called to order at 7 p.m. on May 26, 1999. In attendance were President Carl Wolf, Second V.P. Robert Feiler, Directors Paul Hybert, Jeff Rosinia and Michael Metras, and William Burd Editor of The Chatter.

The meeting was dedicated to a discussion of how best to promote the Club at the upcoming ANA convention. The following decisions were unanimously reached:

1. To purchase 2,500 3.5" round drink coasters printed as a token "Good For \$1.00 In Trade" and to be given out at the club table. The cost would be \$325.00 with Richard Hamilton offsetting this cost with a \$100.00 donation.
2. To print up 3,000 flyers (3-2/3" x 8-1/2") on a neon colored heavy paper to promote the Club's meeting at the convention. They are to be placed in high traffic areas, passed out at other meetings, etc. The cost would be \$200.00.
3. To use copying machines at no cost to reproduce the 8-1/2" x 11" flyer promoting a detailed summary of our convention speaker's talk and the talks of the next two upcoming speakers. This will be given out at the club table and passed out to everyone at the club meeting.
4. To split the cost with the ANA to produce souvenir transportation token. The club would receive 500 bronze, 100 nickel silver, and 20 copper tokens for \$525.00. The bronze would be put up for sale at \$1.00 each, the nickel-silver would be presented to everyone who does volunteer work at the convention, and the copper would be presented to the various chairmen. There would be a small and limited number of the three metal sets put up for sale for \$100.00 per set. The board estimated that approximately \$400.00 could be recovered in sales at the convention.
5. To purchase 1,000 new business cards with the addition of the club's Web site and a disclaimer on the reverse side at an approximate cost of \$60.00.

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Following these decisions, the content and graphics of each piece was discussed. Carl Wolf would submit new rough drafts for further review.

William Burd and Jeff Rosinia agreed to be available to audit the 1998 Club financial records just as soon as a meeting could be arranged with the Secretary-Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf
President

OUR 965th MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, June 9, 1999

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
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FEATURED

SPEAKER: **Louis Jordan**
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Editor's Notes

The Chicago Coin Club was chosen as one of this year's recipients of the Exemplary Service Award. This award will be presented at the awards presentation during the American Numismatic Association's 108th Anniversary Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

The Exemplary Service Award was created by the ANA in 1991 as a means of recognizing an individual or entity (club, corporation, firm or association) who has performed services on behalf of the ANA that are "above and beyond the call".

Previous recipients include Adna G. Wilde, Jr.-1991, Eric P. Newman-1993, Detroit Coin Club and Michigan State Numismatic Society-1994, Ruthann Brettell-1996, David Sundman-1997 and California State Numismatic Society and Kenneth L. Hallenbeck-1998.

To quote Susan Procell, ANA Awards Coordinator, "It is the dedication of organizations like the Chicago Coin Club that is the key to success of the Association as well as the entire hobby."

This is a great honor for the Club.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 965th MEETING

The 965th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Carl Wolf on June 9th at 7pm at the First National Bank of Chicago. The minutes of the May meeting were accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Guests for the evening were Lyle Daly of Bank One and our featured speaker, Louis Jordan. Steve Zitowsky, First Vice President, introduced Mr. Jordan, who spoke on the *Numismatic Collection of the University of Notre Dame*. At the conclusion of his talk, Steve presented Mr. Jordan with the ANA Educational Award and the Chicago Coin Club featured speaker medal.

Exhibitors for the evening were Mark Wieclaw, Paul Hybert, Carl Wolf, Bob Leonard, Mike Metras, Saul Needleman, Don Dool and Bob Feiler.

Under old business, Carl announced that Bob Weinstein, Steve Zitowsky and Phil Carrigan all need workers for their respective committees at the upcoming ANA convention.

Regarding the Club meeting at the ANA convention, at the most recent meeting of the board of governors the following proposals were made:

- 1.) Purchase 2500 3.5" round drink coasters printed as a token "GOOD FOR ONE DOLLAR IN TRADE" and to be given out at the Club table at ANA. The cost would be \$325.00 with Richard Hamilton partially offsetting this cost with \$100.00 donation.
- 2.) Print 3000 flyers 3 2/3" X 8 1/2" on neon colored heavy paper to promote the Club's meeting at the convention. They would be placed in high traffic areas and passed out at other club meetings. Cost would be \$200.00.
- 3.) Use copying machines at no cost to reproduce the 8 1/2" X 11" flyer promoting a detailed summary of our convention speaker's talk and the talks of the next two upcoming speakers. This flyer would be given out at the club table and passed out to all at the club meeting.
- 4.) Purchase 1000 new business cards with the addition of the Club's website and a disclaimer on the reverse stating that the Club is a not for profit organization for educational purposes and does not buy, sell or trade numismatic items.

The above proposals were voted on and accepted by the membership.

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Regarding transportation tokens at the ANA convention, a proposal was made and accepted to split the cost with the American Vecturist Association for approximately 1000 bronze, 100 nickel silver, 20 copper and 20 sterling silver. The CCC will sell a complete set of 1 each for \$100.00 each with all profits going to the Club treasury.

The last item under old business was that the audit committee will meet on June 30th.

Under new business, the secretary-treasurer read a letter from the ANA stating that the Chicago Coin Club has been selected one of this years recipients of the Exemplary Service Award to be presented at the awards presentation at the upcoming ANA convention. Also, received from the ANA was an acknowledgement of the recent kissi money donation.

Carl presented the archivist, Phil Carrigan, with 2 lead proofs of the 80th Anniversary plaque as well as number 1 of both the silver and bronze 80th Anniversary plaque.

Mark Wieclaw inquired about the Club sponsoring the local interest exhibit at the ANA convention. Cost would be nominal. Idea was proposed and accepted.

A suggestion was made to wear the Chicago Coin Club name badges at the ANA convention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer

SHOW AND TELL

by Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

JUNE MEETING

Mark Wieclaw opened Show and Tell with two Roman coins, one, a denarius showing the laureated portrait of Gordianus II and the other with a radiate crown. The latter was supposed to be valued at two denarii but actually traded at 1 1/2 denarii or an antoninianus. A third coin was shown, this with a radiate bust of Gallienus would be considered an antoninianus, but actually is thought to be a double sestertius.

Tying his presentation to the speaker's topic for the evening, **Paul Hybert**, showed several items he had gleaned from Web sites. The first was from a French site which dealt with German notgeld. The Web page was well illustrated and showed many examples of notgeld in color. This was continued with examples of notgeld from the collection of Courtney Coffing (member of CCC). The final item shown was part of a collection of necessity notes made from sackcloth, leather and aluminum foil.

Carl Wolf was the second presenter showing an example of "Fish Money" from the period of the Chou dynasty (1120-255 BCE) of China. The piece had no inscription or stamping. The original of the term fish money is said to have resulted from the custom of washing the bodies of the dead. The river had to be paid for use of its water giving rise to the name. Hoards of such pieces are found in river beds leading to the speculation that they might have been used as circulating money as well. Carl had the piece framed in line with past examples of his framed pieces of odd-and-curious collection.

Robert Leonard presented a single coin as his exhibit, a bezant of Cyprus showing Henry I standing with crozier in the left hand and a scepter in the right, with HENRICUS REX C PRUS around. The reverse shows Jesus standing. Bob explained that the bezant (or white bezant) appears to be of silver but actually contains 17% gold. only about 130 specimens are known and references such as Gold Coins of the World by Friedberg, Coins in the Ashmolean and a book by Metcalfe list all such coins as rare or very rare though most are in poor condition and often holed. Many pieces are plated with gold and are holed for use in jewelry.

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Mike Metras also showed examples of coin-related Web sites choosing the one for the Fox River Coin Club and the Elgin Coin Club, both of which he produces for the clubs. Some of the information which can be obtained from these pages include the meeting dates, copies of the club bulletins, show dates, pictures of members and other general information. Several articles include reference to other clubs including the Chicago Coin Club.

Several special proof and mint sets from Canada and England were presented by **Saul Needleman**. The Canadian group included the 1998 proof set containing the loon dollar and the silver RCMP commemorative dollar in one set. The set also contain the nickel and dime coins in silver. The 1997 mint set was unusual in having the W mint mark of Winnipeg which opened and closed in the same year. These are the only W-marked coins of Canada. The British mint sets included the 1997 containing the last large 50p and the first small 50p in the same set, both with Britannia reverses. The 1998 set contained the same small Britannia 50p but also the new commemorative version of the small 50p with a Europa design as the reverse. All 50p coins after 1998 will be with reverses commemorating an event in British history. The final piece in the presentation was an AE half ore coin of Charles XI of Sweden (1598-1604) on which appears JEHOVAH in Hebrew as the central design.

Don Dool showed an unusual group of tokens issued for expositions and fairs. One had an eagle obverse with TAKE ME FOR LUCK and an Indian head reverse from the 1933 Chicago Century of Progress. Another Chicago piece, from the Columbian Exposition of 1893 showed the U.S. government building with a legend reverse. Other examples were from the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition of 1909 with legend, Knox County Fair, of aluminum, with Don's name on it and several pieces from the St. Louis Fair of 1904 on which were his mother's name, his grandfather's name and names of other relatives made as souvenirs. The personal nature of the pieces made the presentation particularly interesting.

The final exhibitor for the evening was **Bob Feiler** who showed a number of pieces picked up at recent shows. The first was a packet containing 371 1/4 gr (0.773 oz) silver dust mounted on a card indicating that Leo Kichhoff (ANA member) had redeemed the packet at the New York Treasury Office on 4-20-1965. Another piece was a 1 franc coin of Louis Phillipe I which had been converted into a beer bottle opener. Other pieces included a 1930 Lincoln cent and a Jefferson nickel (date ?) pop outs, a pair of 1801 and 1808 Charles IV 8 reales of Potosi converted into a cloak or cape fastener, and a set of 1965 Jefferson nickels showing the progressive disappearance of the D mint mark.

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

by Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

JUNE MEETING

Speaker for the evening was Mr. Louis Jordan, curator of the Special Collections Division of Notre Dame University who discussed the development of the Notre Dame coin collection and how the information was being placed in the university's Web site.

The collection was begun in 1887 as the result of the donation of a collection of 3000 U.S. and foreign coins. This was followed quickly by other donations of English and U.S. political and other tokens. Later donations gave rise to the paper money and proof set parts of the collection. While the intention is to eventually list all of the collection on the Web site: Coins.N.D.edu, at present the site contains information on three categories: colonial coins, colonial currency and Washington tokens.

The colonial coin collection includes a number of pieces of 1744-1745 associated with the lotteries held by the Massachusetts colonial government. A coin of England, the GEORGIUS TRIUMPHO/VOCE POPULI of 1783 with laureated bust of George III was shown for comparison with a laureated bust George Washington token of 1791. The two portraits were very much alike and this might have been the intent, to provide a double meaning during the period preceding the Treaty of Paris. It was claimed that there was no animosity between the English and the U.S. after the war. The token was made in England by a die maker who used the style familiar to him. More George Washington coins were made in England than in the U.S. The reverse of the English coin shows Britannia seated with spear and shield. The Washington token had Liberty standing behind a gate with 13 bars with a fleur de lis in each corner representing French aid to the U.S. during the War of Independence. Depending upon the outcome of the Treaty, one could interpret the English reverse as being Liberty seated with staff and olive branch while the reverse of the token could represent Britannia imprisoned behind a cage. In the U.S., images of George Washington were not well known during the Confederation period. Use of the portrait became more common during the Federal period.

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The 'first' Federal coin was the Half Disme of 1792. Robert Morris had drafted legislation for a federal coinage. Because silver was limited and more coins could be struck from the available supply, the half disme was struck as quickly as possible in order to show the sovereignty of the new nation. It is said that Washington provided his own silver plate for the issue. He objected to the use of his portrait on coins and on April 2, 1792, Liberty was substituted for his portrait. The head of Liberty has LIB(erty).PAR(ent).OF SCIENCE & INDUSTRY around. Liberty is of the 'wild hair' type. The reverse has an eagle with spread wings with UNI.STATES of AMERICA/ Half Disme (star). The coin was struck by Adam Eckfeldt using a private press since the mint was not yet open. 1500-2000 pieces were struck, primarily as presentation pieces.

From the Currency collection, two Massachusetts notes were shown. These are Paul Revere notes, one, a 4sh6d note, is dated Dec. 7, 1775 and the reverse shows Paul Revere holding the Magna Carta. The second, of 48sh, is dated Nov. 17, 1776 and shows Revere holding a document titled 'Independence sic). The first note was made in defiance of the British. Paul Revere considered himself British until after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

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A FEW KIND WORDS

Your meeting was really enjoyable and informative. Without a doubt you have the most knowledgeable membership of any coin club I have attended. Thanks for the opportunity to discuss a few items from early America.

I neglected to mention at the meeting that any Chicago Coin Club member passing through South Bend is certainly welcome to come and browse through our collections (Department of Rare Books and Special Collections on the first floor in the main University Library). If I am available I would be glad to give a personal "tour" of our holdings.

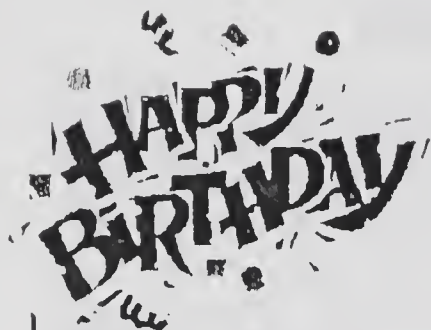
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Aug 20	Melvyn Frearer	1989
Aug 26	Tom Delorey	1984
Aug 26	Donald Doswell	1960
Aug 29	James M. Rondinelli	1997
Aug 31	Clarence R. Wills	

IMPORTANT DATES

July 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Mark Wieclaw** on
*The Silver Coins of Rome From the Rise of the Republic to
the Fall of the Empire*

Aug 11-15 ANA Annual Convention Worlds Fair of Money
Held at Rosemont Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois

Aug 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Eric Newman**,
topic to be announced. Held in conjunction with the
ANA Annual Convention Worlds Fair of Money.

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All of the above committees will need volunteers prior to and during the convention. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the appropriate chairman or one of the executive committee members.

[Note: The following article appeared in the Warsaw Voice, an English language newspaper published in Warsaw, Poland. A friend and Peace Corps teacher sent it to Mike Metras who thought you would like to read it. It is reprinted with permission of the Warsaw Voice.]

Other Sides of the Coins

by Monica Wysocka

Our hobby isn't only the investment of our savings," argues Ryszard Kondrat, the director of the Warsaw Numismatics Center. "It's also an adventure in geography and history, especially the history of economic relations." In Kondrat's view, collectors see their coin collections as a kind of time machine.

In communist Poland, the state-owned *Desa* was the only entity authorized to handle trading in historic coins. However, in front of any *Desa* store groups of people would openly trade in numismatic objects. These were both professionals, making their living from trading in precious coins, and collectors seeking something to buy or exchange. Collectors also used to supplement their holdings at bazaars, antiques auctions and meetings of the Numismatists' Club. "I would not recommend bazaars nowadays," says Kondrat. "There are too many false coins." The growing numismatics market has attracted the increased interest of frauds.

The regulations of the Numismatists' Club state that each member is obliged to notify the police every time they come across a fake coin or bank note. They must also either paint or engrave the letter F on them. The same methods are used by the State Mint when it issues copies of numismatic objects. For instance, an original two-zloty silver coin from 1936 is worth some zł.200 nowadays whereas the price of a copy struck several years ago amounts to slightly less than zł.10. [Editor's note: The zloty is Poland's currency unit. The Zloty was worth US\$0.259 on March 19. And Zł 3.87 was worth a dollar.]

The 226-year-old State Mint had a monopoly throughout most of its history regarding not only the production of coins but also other products made of precious metals such as decorations, medals and badges. Today, even though companies are free to commission this type of product abroad, no great change has affected the market position of the mint. According to its management, the services it offers continue to be competitive.

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Antoni Somkowicz, a deputy director of the mint complains only that the plant's production capacity is not exploited to the full. "The decoration-related policy has been changed: the President's Office doesn't order as many decorations as before and demand for ministry medals, or badges struck on the occasion of, for instance, scouts' rallies has diminished, too," Somkowicz complains. However, the Polish mint remains Europe's largest medal factory. Most of them can be seen at the mint's museum, some can also be bought at a local store.

Until the beginning of the 1970s there were only several hundred numismatics enthusiasts throughout Poland. With the emergence of bazaars and book and antiques markets such as the Warsaw Bazaar in Mariensztat or the popular Persian Market in Kolo, interest in historic coins grew and the number of collectors rapidly rose. It increased further in the 1980s when investment in coins became extremely popular owing to rampant hyperinflation.

Since 1990 trade has moved to specialist stores. Their owners, often former bazaar dealers, know the value of historic coins, can afford the wholesale purchase of entire collections and, most importantly, are able to keep them for a long time until an appropriate buyer is found. "It happens sometimes that a person who wants a particular coin is found several years after we bought it," an employee in one of Warsaw's numismatics shops says. "But we manage to succeed thanks to very high profit margins." The numismatics trade somewhat resembles the jewelry trade: it is sufficient to sell a precious item only once every few months for the venture to be profitable.

During communism coin smuggling was an everyday occurrence at Poland's borders. Several groups of dealers involved in the purchase of coins in order to smuggle them out of the country operated in Poland. In front of Desa stores, they hunted for naive, especially elderly people, who were unaware of the real value of what they owned. And even Poland's market prices, that is those offered by Desa, were much lower than the prices which could be expected from dealers in Hamburg, Amsterdam, Berlin or Paris.

Polish coins were especially profitable in West Germany where collectors especially prized coins from the times of the Teutonic wars, the Prussian and Austrian partitions, the Free City of Danzig or other periods when the histories of Poland and Germany intertwined. For a coin worth 50 Deutschemarks in Warsaw a German collector would pay 10 times more.

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"Now, after the borders opened up, prices have balanced out," Kondrat says. "Despite binding regulations related to the export of precious coins, Polish numismatic objects can sell for higher prices at local auctions than in Western antique shops." This resulted from a rise in prices in Poland. In the West, Polish coins became a little cheaper thanks to easier access to them. The decrease, however, did not exceed 20-30 percent.

Not for export

Export regulations on historic coins are identical to those for other objects of cultural heritage, museum pieces and collector's items. However, in the case of coins the requirement to get permission from the Province Historic Monument Conservator to export items made before 1945 is more troublesome for collectors. In short, coins less than 50 years old are usually of little value.

One exception are silver and gold coins struck in communist Poland on special occasions such as papal visits, for example. The remaining coins from the period 1945-1989 are of interest to domestic collectors but not really to foreigners. In the 1970s and at the beginning of the 80s, there was great demand for a series of 10-zloty coins bearing the images of historical figures and Warsaw monuments. The so called "little Zygmunt column" was a collector's rarity.

Limited edition coins are prized by numismatists. Of even greater value are so called misses, or coins with a production defect such as shifted designs, part of an inscription missing, or a reversed outline. According to regulations, such coins should not leave the State Mint. They should be destroyed in the presence of a commission on spot. However, from time to time they somehow manage to make their way onto the collector's market.

Making a mint

The workings of the State Mint in the post-war period were always kept a secret. No information was available as to what was produced and in what quantities. For example, the size of a series of occasional coins put into circulation would not be disclosed. Until the 1970s mint employees, along with a declaration binding them to secrecy, had to sign statements to the effect that they were not numismatists and neither were their family members.

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It is difficult to assess the number of coin collectors in Poland nowadays. Increasingly often they prefer to remain anonymous and do not want to reveal their identity when buying. Dealers say that nearly half the buyers (and even more when items worth over zł.10,000 are auctioned) use the Internet. They claim that really large and precious collections are held by people who are not fond of publicity. This is because numismatic collections do not take up much space and are relatively easy to steal and take abroad.

Large coin auctions are organized by the Numismatics Center twice a year, in May and November. They are usually attended by 200-300 people but a substantial number of them are agents. In such cities as Wrocław, Bytom and Lublin numismatics exchanges are also organized but objects sold there usually do not have authenticity certificates confirmed by experts. That is why antique shops and *Desa* now account for most of the trade.

Holding values

Kondrat says that only genuine collectors and professionals work in Poland's numismatics market today. Elderly people, who gathered their collections in past decades, usually sold them at the beginning of the 1990s. Those who simply wanted to invest money during the insecure times of hyperinflation also got rid of their collections and transferred their money to the stock exchange or elsewhere. People who have remained on the market turn up in numismatics stores with unfailing regularity. Contrary to the general opinion, although wealthy people are dominant among coin collectors, there are also many whose appearance shows that they spend all available money on coins.

Around 200 members are registered at the Warsaw Numismatists' Club. Among them are students, engineers, a geologist, two generals and even a director from the National Bank of Poland. They meet once a week, and once a month they organize an internal exchange. Everyone has their own system of collecting: some collect coins from a certain period of history, others chose to collect coins with images of famous people, with marine or classical motifs. Some private collections can match up to those of the State Mint or the National Museum.

"Some time ago, I was asked to help assemble a collection of coins from the period of the Partitions, from 1772 to the regaining of independence by Poland in 1918," Kondrat says. "We wanted to collect one coin from each year and each coin was to depict some event or historical figure."

This seemingly easy operation proved extremely complicated. After nearly 10 years of searching, the collection still lacks a dozen or so coins. Kondrat says that building it has been one of the most interesting experiences of his career. Apart from the knowledge of coins from the time of the Partitions he gained a vast knowledge of both the political and social history of the period.

This is typical of employees of numismatics shops. Many of them, specializing in coins from a given period, acquire encyclopedic knowledge of the subject. In their opinion, the collector's credentials can be judged by the extent of their historical knowledge. "If I see after half a year that a customer knows more than I do then I can tell that numismatics is their life," says one of the employees at a Warsaw antique shop. "If the customer has been coming here for five years but makes no progress this means that they are not really committed to collecting."

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OUR 966th MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, July 14, 1999

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: 1st National Bank Building
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

FEATURED

SPEAKER: **Mark Wieclaw**
*The Silver Coins of Rome From the Rise
of the Republic to the Fall of the Empire*

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Editor's Notes

After months of preparation by the convention committee and their volunteers and anticipation by all our Club members, we have arrived. In just a few days the World's Fair of Money will begin.

And a World's Fair it is! Most major countries mints will be displaying their latest products. There will be educational exhibits from coins to currency to medals to exnumia. Who's Who in Numismatics will be giving talks throughout the fair. Coin geniuses will be competing in "Jeopardy".

Dealers from around the world will be displaying and selling their wares. Most major specialty clubs will be represented with many holding their annual meeting during the fair. Several banquets are planned. Millions of dollars worth of numismatic items will be auctioned off prior to and during the fair by several nationally renowned auction firms. There are even rides and games.

See you at the fair!

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 966th MEETING

JULY MEETING

In the absence of the Secretary, Dick Hamilton, Saul Needleman was asked to record the minutes of the meeting.

The July meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:00 o'clock by President Carl Wolf with 16 members present. A motion was made by Saul Needleman and seconded by Mike Metras to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion passed. The Treasurer's report was presented by Carl Wolf. The motion to approve the report was made, seconded and passed. One guest was present at the meeting, Leo Steinys who was invited by Mark Wieclaw.

The speaker for the evening was Mark Wieclaw who spoke on "The Silver Coinage of Rome from 650 BCE to 400 CE.". Eight members presented items at "Show and Tell" including Saul Needleman with a coin from Gaza and an example of a coin with a non-Judaic use of Hebrew, Carl Wolf with a framed example of "Hat Money" several silver coins from Roman colonies by Mark Wieclaw, a set of pewter medals commemorating battles of the American Revolution - reproductions of medals struck by the U.S. mint in the 1870s, an odd-shaped dirhem coin of 1347 retrieved from a shipwreck, several items converted from coins as part of the Bob Feiler collection, a 7 1/2 heller siege coin from Breslau and his procedure for cataloging his coins by Don Dool and, lastly, a series of coins showing the degeneration of design related to the Scythians and to the Persian campaign by Robert Weinstein.

No new member applications were presented nor read.

The August meeting of CCC will not be held at the usual day or place. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 14 at 1:00pm in conjunction with the ANA convention at the Rosemont Convention Center. Eric Newman will be the featured speaker. Brenda Bishop of the ANA Convention Committee has stated that everything is pretty well organized at this point. Still needed are a few volunteers to man certain tables and for relief duties. Members who work at least eight hours can receive free tickets to the banquet. CCC has been given a corner table with four cases in its role as Sponsoring Club. Among the features at the CCC table will be the single gold plaque issued earlier this year and loaned by Leo Steinys.

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The Audit Committee under Jeff Rosinia has completed its audit of the CCC books and finds everything in order and accounted for. The final report will be available by September.

The 56th floor banquet room at the bank has been reserved for the annual dinner.

The ANA has asked CCC to become a patron of the Convention and Phil Carrigan proposed that \$100 be given to ANA for this purpose. The suggestion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Saul Needleman

OUR 967th MEETING

DATE: Saturday, August 14, 1999

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Rosemont Convention Center
5555 North River Road
Room 4
Rosemont, Illinois

Held in conjunction with the
ANA Annual Convention World's Fair of Money

FEATURED

SPEAKER: **Eric Newman**
The Sheldon U. S. Large Cent Theft

SPEAKER'S WOR[L]D

by Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

The speaker of the evening was Mark Wieclaw who presented 'The Silver Coinage of Rome From 650 BCE to 400 CE'. The earliest coins in the modern sense were of electrum, a natural alloy of gold and silver, and of gold and silver themselves, of about 75-95% purity. Alexander was the most prolific issuer of silver coins in the period around 323 BCE. The last silver coinage under Greek domination was by Cleopatra, this made of billon (about 10% silver).

Rome began its silver series with the didrachm or quadrigatus in about 267 BCE followed by the drachm and the victoriatus. These coins were on the Greek weight standard and were of 98-100% silver. In 212 BCE, the denarius made its appearance and remained in use for about 400 years. About 27000 pieces of the first issue were made weighing 3-4 g. Most early coins showed the head of Roma with an X indicating the denomination. Later, the designs were expanded to include Gorgon's head, other Roman gods and scenes related to the history of past family members of the issuers. The denarius was the standard coin of Rome which also included the quinarius (half denarius) and the silver sestertius (quarter denarius).

Early on, two unusual procedures appeared in the manufacture of Roman silver coins. One used to prevent shaving of coin edges involved use of deep serrations around the edge. The second, was the creation of the *fourre*, use of a copper or brass core washed with silver, for production of the coin.

The coins of Julius Caesar close out the Republican period.

A number of Roman provincial silver coins were shown to illustrate design and denominational changes over time. These included hemidrachms of Trajan and Hadrian, a drachm of Titus, a two drachm of Caracalla and a three drachm of Caracalla (210-215 CE). A novel coin was the cistophoric tetradrachm (3 denarii) of Augustus from Syria. Alexandrian Egypt produced a number of coin types including the Hadrian tetradrachm used up to the time of the Severan dynasty. Denarii and tetradrachms were plentiful during the period after Caracalla, fell during the reign of Geta and rose again with Macrinus (217-218 CE).

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Most were of billon. The last of the provincial issues were from Antioch, all of Caracalla and all tetradrachms, with various portraits and of good silver. Caracalla liked to issue coins and he used the eagle as the reverse on most of the pieces from Antioch.

Trajan was one of the last to issue the quinarius (110-115 CE during the Imperial period. Caracalla issued two sizes of coins, the denarius and later the antoninianus, meant to represent two denarii, but actually weighing 1 1/2 denarii. The denarius retained the laurel wreath bust and the latter created the radiate bust.

It has been suggested that inflation, as values changed from 1000 denarii = to one pound of gold to 10000 denarii = to one pound of gold four years later, marked the beginning of the end of the Roman empire. Severan Alexander (222-235) used both silver and copper denarii. The latter may have been intended for silver plating (fourres), but gradually the antoninianus became a silver-wash coin and then a copper coin as well. Changes in the quality of the coinage came rapidly with the frequent changes in emperors. The last denarii were issued under Gordian III (238-244). Philip I issued an extensive coinage to celebrate the 1000th anniversary of the founding of Rome. The antoninianus under Trajan Decius rose in weight to 6.8 g (from the usual 3.5-3.8 g). Gallienus (250-268) began his reign with coins of good silver. These fell to silver-washed pieces mid-way in the reign and became AEs at the end. Diocletian reformed the entire currency structure and introduced the AE follis. Maximianus continued the campaign for coinage of good silver and introduced the argentus but made the follis of poor silver. For 30-40 years over his three reigns from 286 to 310, he tried to maintain the coinage. The siliqua was the last attempt at a silver coin.

The Greek silver period lasted 600 years, the Roman, 450 years. The United States is now in its second hundred years beginning with a silver dollar, ending the Kennedy 40% silver half dollar in 1965 and reaching the non-silver Anthony dollar at this time.

End

SHOW AND TELL

by Saul B. Needleman, Ph.D.

First presenter for the evening was Saul Needleman who showed two coins. He suggested that the famous Athenian owl piece had had babies! His first coin was from Gaza, issued at the instigation of Greek merchants in the middle east who required small change in dealing with the local populations. This coin weighing 0.1 g, has on its obverse, the Athenian owl, the laurel and AOE as seen on the large coins which were the Mediterranean standard at the time. The second coin was a rare piece from Poland. About 400 such pieces are known, almost all the property of the Czapski Museum in Poland. A few years ago a half dozen pieces appeared on the market. The coin is a silver bracteate denar issued under Mieszko III (1173-1202) whose Jewish moneyers used wishes for good health in Hebrew as the main design feature of the coin.

The second presenter was Carl Wolf who showed a piece of Hat money, legal tender in the Malayan peninsula until 1863. Of tin, the coin is in the shape of a square hat with a 'bubble' in the center for the head. The pieces range in size from 1, 1/2, 1/4 and 1/8 units (the 1/2 unit is about half dollar size) and these were used to pay the miners. The piece is dated 1281 AH (1864).

Mark Wieclaw showed a silver tetradrachm of Philip I which was struck in Rome rather than in Antioch, for use in Syria. The coin carries the mint designation MONURB (monnaie Urb [Rome] mm. Mark also showed an untuned silver coin of Trajan Decius and the last silver tetradrachm from Alexandria, Egypt of Trebonianus Gallus. Mark concluded his presentation with coins of Balbinus (238) year of the six emperors when he ruled for 98 days as co-emperor with Pupienus and of Gordian I and II who together ruled for 28 days and of Gordian III (238-244).

Mike Metras presented a series of 12 pewter medals, reproductions of early U.S. medals made by the mint in the 1870s, which commemorate battles of the American Revolution. The medals came with a book written by the Clain-Stephanellis, curators of the Smithsonian collection. The first medal is of George Washington, reproduction of a 1790 medal, showing the evacuation of Boston by the British. Washington notified John Hancock as President of the Continental Congress that Boston was under control of the colonial troops. The original was of gold and minted in Paris.

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The next exhibitor was Warren Schultz who showed a shipwreck dirhem dated 1347 recovered as part of a 900 coin hoard. The coins ranged in weight between 0.7-1.5 g. The coin shown had an odd shape and resulted from flans being prepared by pouring molten silver into a sand mold and then cutting the cooled metal into pieces. Each piece was then hammered into shape before striking the actual coin. The piece shown was produced in Syrian mints.

Bob Feiler showed five items that were converted from regular coins into something else. The first was an 1853 half dime converted into a paper weight. The second was a box coin knife, fitted with blades, made from die hubs purchased from the government. Next shown was a button hook made from an 1869 San Francisco silver coin. The fourth piece was an 1818 bust half dollar cut coin marked with an RF stamp. The last piece was made for the Toledo bicentennial containing designs of sailing ships and a balance and made into a 3 inch weight of blue glass.

Don Dool showed how he catalogs his collection of coins on the computer so that he can add additional information without the need to reprint earlier material. He also showed a 7 1/2 heller siege coin from Breslau mounted in a custom made holder. A plastic slide holder was specially cut to exactly fit the square coin and his son micro-engraved the holder with appropriate identifying information. Among the other pieces shown was a 1915 Denver Indian head penny converted into a souvenir penny of Denver, Colorado, a pfennig of 1761 of a German state with a dog obverse, and a 20 petard siege coin of 1595 with a crowned fleur de lis issued during the war between Spain and France.

The final exhibitor was Bob Weinstein who showed several ancient coins. The first group were of the Scythians who migrated from northern Greece to China. Their nation failed to flourish near ancient Parthia. Four coins were used to demonstrate the stages of degeneration of designs. Two other coins were siliqua of Rome, one of Jovian and one of Gratian. Jovian became emperor during the Persian campaign and his coin had a VOT/V/MVL/X reverse representing the five year cycle of vows taken by the emperor. Gratian assumed the throne at age 15 in 375. He was killed when his troops deserted him following the invasion from Britain by troops of Maximus.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug 11-15 ANA Annual Convention Worlds Fair of Money
Held at Rosemont Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois

Aug 14 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Eric Newman**, on
The Sheldon U.S. Large Cent Theft. Held in conjunction
with the ANA Annual Convention Worlds Fair of Money

Dr. William H. Sheldon, considered by many as the foremost expert on early U.S. cents, did research at the American Numismatic Society (ANS) in New York City during a period beginning over fifty years ago while preparing his books on the subject. He died in 1977. It has been determined by the Superior Court of Los Angeles, California and the California Court of Appeal (subject to further possible appeals) that Dr. Sheldon stole many early U.S. cents from ANS in a switching scheme, leaving inferior examples of the same variety in the place of stolen coins. By using data recently made available to the public, Eric Newman will relate some of the exciting details of Sheldon's life and clandestine activities. Enjoy this Chicago Coin Club program and bring your friends to this unusual and interesting program.

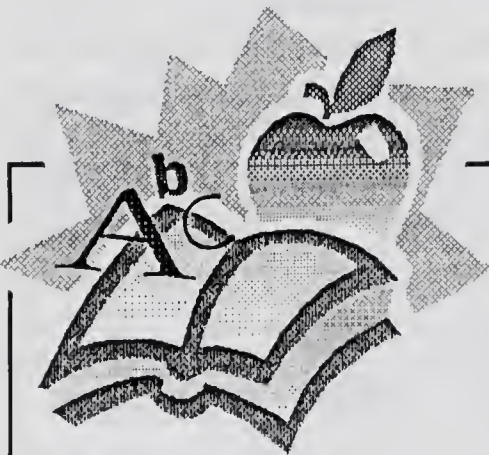
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**BIRTHDAYS
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Sept 1	Fred K. White	1991
Sept 2	John Wilson	1984
Sept 7	James M. McMenamin	1975
Sept 18	Michael M. Dolnick	1952
Sept 18	Gregory Gajda	1999
Sept 24	Michael A. Pesha	1979
Sept 25	Saul Needleman	1992
Sept 26	Dennis P. Ciechna	1999
Sept 27	Edward Stevens	1996
Sept 29	Thomas Kulasik	1996

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Editor's Notes

The ANA Convention was a great success! I base this on two facts. First, I saw many people I haven't seen in a long time, I met many people for the first time that have the same interests as me, I attended three banquets and enjoyed them all, I sat through several educational talks and learned a lot, and I even bought and sold some coins. Secondly, I heard no complaints. The Club Committee Chairmen and their assistants obviously did a great job. I was at the convention everyday and I did not hear one complaint about Registration or Exhibits or Numismatic Theater or Tours. This is the best compliment our Club could receive.

Several of our Club members won Exhibit awards - Jeff Rosinia, Donald Doole, David Simpson and Carl Wolf. We will include a complete list in next month's Chatter including categories and titles of displays.

Also next month we will have details on two awards the Chicago Coin Club received at the Convention.

Printed in this month's Chatter is a Press Release previously issued by Carl Wolf regarding the souvenir transportation token issued by our Club for the ANA Convention. Mintage figures and other details are included and should be of interest to many of our members. I understand we still have a small inventory of tokens available. See Carl Wolf if you care to purchase any.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 967th MEETING

The 967th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on Saturday, August 14, 1999, at 1PM at the Rosemont Convention Center by President Carl Wolf. This meeting was held during the 108th Anniversary of the American Numismatic Association.

There was a first reading for four prospective new members - Steve Feller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gordon R. Donnell of Berkley, California, Kerry K. Wetterstorm of Lancaster, Pennsylvania and Chuck White of Livermore, California.

First Vice President, Steve Zitowsky introduced our featured guest, Eric Newman, who spoke on the *William H. Sheldon U. S. Large Cent Theft at ANS*. Mr. Newman presented his case against Sheldon and, due to the controversial nature of the subject, a heated question and answer session followed. At the conclusion of the session, Mr. Newman received the Chicago Coin Club Featured Speaker Medal and the ANA Educational Award Certificate.

President Carl Wolf adjourned the meeting at 2:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Hamilton
Secretary/Treasurer

SPEAKERS WOR[L]D

by Dr. Saul Needleman

The guest speaker at the Chicago Coin Club meeting held in conjunction with the ANA 108th Convention was Mr. Eric Newman who spoke on 'The Sheldon U. S. Large Cent Theft'. Mr. Newman is a 65 year member of the ANA and has been a collector for 80 years. He is a recipient of the Heath Award and the Zerbe Award as well as of the ANS Huntington Award. He has been the "Numismatist of the Year" and is the author of innumerable monographs. He has also been a lecturer at several numismatic classes in Colorado for the ANA.

Dr. William H. Sheldon was considered to be one of the foremost experts in early U. S. (1793-1814) cents and did considerable research at the ANS library in preparation for his books on the subject. He died in 1977 after having been determined by the California Court of Appeals to have been involved in the theft of many early U. S. cents from the ANS through a switching scheme while pursuing his research at the ANS. Mr. Newman restricted his remarks only to information available through the litigation records.

Beginning in the 1920's, Mr. George Clapp of Pittsburgh became interested in early U. S. cents and began to assemble a collection of the finest examples available to him. By 1937, he decided to donate his collection to the ANS but was concerned that the German military under Hitler might succeed in invading the U. S. and that they would steal the collection from the ANS library in New York. He decided to retain the collection in Pittsburgh until the war was over. At the end of the war, the collection was physically transferred to the ANS. Clapp had special boxes made by one P. J. Clark to house each coin and on the bottom of each box he wrote a description of the coin contained within the box. After 1993, an actual photograph of each coin was included in the box. For about six years, beginning in 1958, Clapp also began to acquire a collection of early cents. This collection of about 1,500 pieces was given to the ANS.

Sheldon became a student of U. S. cents along with many others. He tried to update the method of classification of cents and created the MS scheme.

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During his research on cent varieties and their values, he made use of the ANS, the Clapp and the Clark collections at the ANS library and often encountered specimens from his collection with examples from the ANS collections, ignoring the written description in the boxes containing the original Clapp specimens, by then integrated into the ANS collection. To complicate matters even more, Sheldon induced his girl friend, Dorothy Pasquale, to collect early cents and even substituted some of her coins for lesser examples from his own collection(which already contained coins from the Clapp and Clark collections as well as his own). Not infrequently, the coin found in the box bore no relationship to the description of the coin written onto the bottom of the box.

Ultimately, 129 coins were found to be missing from the ANS collection, substituted by other inferior pieces. This coin switching began about 1949-1950. The Sheldon collection was sold in 1972 and Sheldon died in 1977. Sheldon also was known to have invented pedigrees for many of the pieces, providing information up to the time of Clapp's ownership and then picking up again after ANS had acquired the pieces. The interim period was covered by creating fictitious 'private sales' for which information was not always recorded.

The ANS has a large collection of early one cent coins among its total numismatic holdings of 850,000 pieces. After extensive inventory of the early cent collection, it was determined that 129 specimens in the ANS collection had been switched. The ANS had the inventory published together with an appeal to collectors to return to the ANS any pieces they possessed which appeared on the inventory list and, in return, the ANS would return to the collector, the piece currently in the box marked for the missing piece. The offer was open for a two year period and somewhat more than half the original coins were recovered. The inventory was complicated by the fact that Sheldon wrote his book on grading with no relationship to the date of the coin. He also listed some coins under a heading of NC (Not Common - suggesting that there were too few pieces known of that variety to warrant S numbers) with only minimal descriptions.

In 1993, the ANS became involved in a law suit over the conditions and timing of the return of stolen coins to the ANS. The trial and subsequent appeal, and a second appeal, were found in favor of the ANS. The matter is now being referred to the Supreme Court of California.

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PRESS RELEASE

If you attended the ANA banquet on Saturday evening, August 14th, you received a beautiful sterling silver medal from the Franklin Mint!



The one ounce medal was struck just for this convention and shows a ship reminiscent of those taken by Columbus in 1492. "WORLD'S FAIR OF MONEY-CHICAGO" appears around the top and "1999" is at the bottom. The reverse side shows the ANA lamp of knowledge with the association name and convention number.

Whether you got one or not - would you like to have a version of this same medal in copper? If so, than be at the September 8th meeting of the Club. On Sunday, August 15th, the day after the banquet the Franklin Mint came to the Club table passing out these copper medals and I was able to get 30 for our members!

The obverse with the ship is the same as the silver medal. The reverse, shown here, however, shows a portrait of Benjamin Franklin with "FRANKLIN MINT" around the top and "PREMIER EDITION" around the bottom.

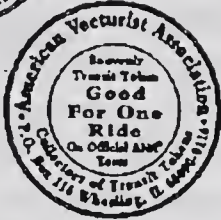
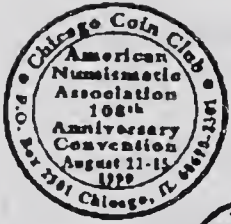


We don't know how many people will show up, but I think each member in attendance should have precedence. If any medals are left over we can pass them out to our guests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Wolf
President

PRESS RELEASE



The Chicago Coin Club (CCC) has created a souvenir transportation token for the 108th Anniversary Convention of American Numismatic Association (ANA) in Chicago. 500 proof like 1 5/16" bronze tokens were given out on official ANA tours and another 500 tokens were available for purchase \$1.00 (\$1.50 by mail).

Following the practice of the Centennial Convention in 1991, a limited number of tokens were made of nickel-silver (100) and were given to the volunteer workers in appreciation of their support. And an even smaller number of medals (12) were struck in copper and were presented to those who chaired the various committees.

Only twenty sets of a seven-medal set are available for purchase by collectors and the Club still has a few sets in inventory. The set includes proof-like sterling silver, bronze, copper and nickel-silver tokens, plus antique finished bronze, copper and nickel-silver. It can be purchased for \$100.00 (\$105.00 by mail). All proceeds will go toward offsetting the cost of production. Checks should be made payable to Chicago Coin Club and sent to P. O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690-2301.

This project was made possible with the encouragement and a financial contribution of the American Vecturist Association. Collectors of transit tokens, they also hold an annual convention and can be reached at P. O. Box 116, Wheeling, IL 60090-0116. Three complete sets of the medals will be set aside and presented to the archives of the participating organizations.

The Chicago Coin Club is now in it's 80th year and is made of collectors from all walks of life and a wide spectrum of vocations. They meet the second Wednesday of every month at the First National Bank Building (BankOne) in downtown Chicago. Over the years a group has produced a number of numismatic medals and souvenir cards.

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Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.



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Oct 3	Dick DeRobertis	1995
Oct 13	Bernard L. Schwartz	1986
Oct 14	Joel J. Reznick	1981
Oct 14	Warren C. Schultz	
Oct 14	Marcella L. Sheldon	1946
Oct 16	Harry Flower	
Oct 17	Margo Russell	
Oct 19	Phyllis Eisenberg	1968

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Editor's Notes

Next month we will have our annual auction. The last few years we had many nice lots of early club material. So far this year nothing has been given to me. If you have duplicates of early club material or if you have been thinking of disposing of your holdings please contact me. Also anyone with coins or other numismatic items should get a list to me soon.

December 8th is our annual banquet. It will be held at the Mid-Day Club in the First National Bank Building. It will include a great dinner, an entertaining speaker and more. Mark your calendar and see Jeff Rosinia for reservations.

Vice President Steve Zitowsky is beginning to line up speakers for our club meetings next year. If you have been thinking about giving a talk discuss it with Steve soon.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 968th MEETING

The 968th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on Wednesday, September 8, 1999, at 7PM at the First National Bank by President Carl Wolf. The July minutes were corrected to state that no gold plaque of the CCC 80th Anniversary was on display at the club table during the recent ANA Convention and that 2 (gold) plaques were struck. These minutes were then approved as corrected. Also, the August meeting minutes from the ANA Convention were approved. Our guests for the evening were Bill Bierly, Alberta Lucchesi and Lyle Daly. The Treasurer's report for September was delayed until October.

Our featured speaker was Dr. Saul Needleman who spoke on the use of God's name, Jehovah, on coins, medals and tokens. At the conclusion of his very informative talk, Saul was presented with the CCC featured speaker medal and the ANA educational certificate for his July talk.

Exhibitors for the evening were Paul Hybert, Carl Wolf, Mark Wieclaw, Dick DeRobertis, Mike Metras, Richard Hamilton, Saul Needleman, Don Dool, Drew Michyeta and Bob Feiler.

There was a second reading of applications for Gordon R. Donnell and Kerry K. Wetterstrom and then both officially became members. There was also a first reading for Bill Bierly and Lyle Daly.

Under old business, Mark Wieclaw, as Assistant Chairman of the 108th ANA Convention, thanked all workers and passed along the thanks of General Chairman and member Kermit Wasmer.

At the club meeting during the ANA Convention, there were 87 in attendance with 4 new applicants. Member Allen Meyer spoke on the case of the Sheldon U. S. large cent theft presented by Eric Newman at the CCC meeting at ANA and stated that the case is going to the California Supreme Court. Under questioning, he said that the club might be able to get copies of the legal briefs.

Sales at the club table during the ANA Convention totaled \$793.00. Of that total \$593.00 was from sales of the souvenir transportation tokens, with \$500.00 for the 7 piece sets and \$93.00 for the individual bronze tokens. The remaining \$200.00 was from sales of the various other CPMX and CICF items.

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The Chicago Coin Club was presented with the Exemplary Service Award by the ANA at a special awards ceremony on Friday, August 13th at 1PM in room 3 at the Rosemont Convention Center. Accepting for the club was President Carl Wolf. At the ANA banquet on Saturday evening, August 14th Carl also accepted the Louis Werner Host Club Award. Both awards were on display at the September meeting.

During the ANA Convention, several members exhibited a wide variety of material. Four members received six awards out of ten exhibits. Jeff Rosinia received first place in the local interest category with his exhibit on First National Bank of Chicago numismatic memorabilia. Don Dool received a third place in foreign coins after 1500 with his exhibit on copper coins of conflict, siege coins of revolution, rebellion and war. Dave Simpson exhibited in the obsolete currency category and picked up a second place with his exhibit on paper money of the Silverlake Bank of Pennsylvania. Carl Wolf received a second place in the primitive money category exhibiting a Katanga cross, second place in local interest category with an exhibit of a Chicago Livestock Exchange member certificate and a third place in medals with a medal of the USS Nashville struck for the Chicago Numismatic Society.

Members in attendance received a copy of the 1998 financial report prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer. If the gross receipts for the club are under \$25,000.00 then no tax return nor information return needs to be filed according to an IRS letter on file.

Under new business, fax a list or send auction items to Bill Burd so that he can publish a list in the Chatter. The holiday banquet will again be at the Mid-Day Club, 56th floor of the First National Bank of Chicago. More to follow later on the banquet. Steve Zitowsky needs a speaker for the banquet. Carl appointed Bob Feiler and Mike Metras to reach a decision on the upcoming CPMX souvenir card and Bob Leonard and himself to do the same for CICF. The ILNA Convention will be held at the Ramada Inn Hotel, I-80 and Route 1 (Halsted) in Harvey, IL, on October 7th through the 10th.

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Regarding correspondence, the CCC received a \$100.00 donation from an individual whose wallet was found by Carl Wolf and returned to him. Letters of thanks and appreciation were received from Brenda Bishop, ANA Convention Services Manager, and Kermit Wasmer, 108th ANA Convention General Chairman. Also a letter of thanks was received from the ANA for the donation of 7 transportation tokens to the ANA museum. John and Nancy Wilson sent a letter of thanks for all the work done at the ANA Convention as well as photos.

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SHOW AND TELL

by Mike Metras

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Paul Hybert began Show and Tell with a Membership card to the ANA, Chicago Branch 1, a receipt for 1913 dues that was never issued and had no member number. Next he showed a 1920 membership ANA convention badge without a ribbon, the natural condition for that badge; it never had one. Finally Paul showed a silver medal of the 50th monthly meeting of the Chicago Numismatic Society dated March 6, 1908.

Carl Wolf showed a framed piece of bamboo money used in China between the eighteenth and twentieth centuries.

Mark Wieclaw showed a Roman silver miliarensis of Theodosius II. This 402-450AD Roman coin is the first of this type that Mark has had. Mark then showed an error 1977 dime and an error 1954-S Philippine five cent coin. Next was a nice encased 1913 Canadian cent. Finally Mark showed the elongated Indian nickel card he gave out at the ANA banquet. All of us who attended the banquet thank you for that Mark.

Dick DeRobertis showed samples of the soon-to-be-used Euro currency. They show architecture designs, but, in order to be politically correct, no design is of an actual building. All are idealized renditions of the style lest one particular country have its building on the money.

Mike Metras showed the "good for" souvenir note he created for the Elgin Coin Club's 500th meeting held August 4th, 1999. The note features pictures of all officers, the editor, all members present at the April 1999 meeting, vignettes of two pre-1840 trains, and Mike and Denise's dog Jessy and cat Mr. McTee. Those attending the 500th meeting received the note free. The Elgin Coin Club is selling it now for \$2. A large version goes for \$5. Proceeds go to the club treasury. See Mike if you want one.

Richard Hamilton showed two beautiful railroad bonds signed Chauncey DePew. For contrast, he showed a plain Argentine bond of the same era.

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Saul Needleman showed the book he is working on. It has 975 Jehovah coins.

Don Dool showed a 1685 4 pfennig coin of Bentheim-Teelenburg-Rheda, a 1649 French occupation coin of Barcelona-Seisino, a 1648 3 tornesi of the Republic of Naples, and a 1611 1/4 sturer of Julica-Cleve-Burg.

Drew Michyeta showed a compact he found that looks like a coin. He gave it to Bob Feiler to become a part of Bob's famous box-coin collection.

Jeff Rosinia showed a published picture of his son holding proof sets and sporting coins in his eyes. He then showed two rolls of Georgia quarters, one each from Philadelphia and Denver. Both had the standard 40 quarters. The Philadelphia roll was three quarters higher than the one of Denver! How's that for quality control? Bill Burd mentioned he had observed the same with the rolls he had received at his store.

Bob Feiler showed a beautiful pop-out 1892 Morgan dollar he bought at the ANA show. He also showed a Bureau of Engraving and Printing \$1,000 bond vignette reproduction he also bought at the ANA. He then talked at length about his "Day in the Country" with Krause Publishing after the ANA. He showed two silver rounds and several pictures of the trip. Bob reported that, among many great things, the highlight of the trip was first seeing ANS director Guta Wertemburg riding in a Sherman tank and then his own half a mile ride in that same tank.

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SPEAKERS WOR[L]D

by Mike Metras

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Saul Needleman talked about the use of Jehovah on the coins of Denmark and Sweden starting in the 1600s. It seems that this was done because the only way to properly address and speak the word of God was in his own language, Hebrew. So, not only on coins but on buildings, God's name was written in Hebrew, Jehovah.

Saul went into great detail about the causes and history of the Thirty Years War. He proposed that most of the coins during this period with Jehovah on them were used as propaganda during the war. They showed that God was on the side of the issuer.

These Jehovah coins showed battles and surviving cities, coronations of new governments, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, births, and deaths; in a word, they showed the history of the time encapsuled in the coins and medals.

Saul then showed several coins with Jehovah depicting these scenes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Wasmer: Mr. Wasmer was the 108th ANA Convention General Chairman and was presented with the *Goodfellowship Award* receiving the plaque and medal shown here.



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Nov 2	Alexander Basok	1998
Nov 5	Scott E. Douglas	1996
Nov 5	Phyllis Johnson	1987
Nov 5	John Kasper	1995
Nov 5	Michael Steffens	1995
Nov 8	Brian A. Heil	1981
Nov 9	Tom Ryan	1960
Nov 11	J. Vincent Swift	1991
Nov 13	Michael B. Doran	1999
Nov 19	Richard Peterson	1962
Nov 24	Jefferey F. Bernberg	1975
Nov 27	Robert Feiler	1994



Left: Anthony Swiatek, ANA President; Carl Wolf, Chicago Coin Club President; Donn Pearlman of Chicago, Stephen L. Bobbitt, ANA Public Relations Director

EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

The Exemplary Service Award was first conferred in 1991 and is presented to an individual, club or corporation, firm or association whose service to the ANA is deemed "above and beyond the call". The 1999 recipients were Donn Pearlman of Chicago, Illinois and the Chicago Coin Club.

Donn Pearlman is an award winning Chicago radio and television broadcaster and now a marketing and media consultant specializing in numismatic endeavors. A past member of the ANA Board of Governors, chair of the ANA Certification Service, Audio-Visual, Consumer Protection and Publications Committees, he currently is a member of the Editorial Advisory Board and a regular columnist in the ANA's monthly journal, *The Numismatist*.

The Chicago Coin Club is no stranger to ANA conventions having hosted eight of the Association's previous gatherings, including its 1st in 1891 and its 100th in 1991. Founded as the ANA's first charter club in 1912, the group reorganized as the Chicago Coin Club seven years later. It's motto, *Docendo Discimus* (We Learn by Teaching) has served the club well over the past 80 years ensuring strength and longevity.

The following club members are thanked for placing exhibits in the 1999 ANA convention held in Rosemont. The listing includes the title of each exhibit and any awards won.

Tom DeLorey

Honduras Coinage from "1610" to "6188" A.D.
Second Place - Latin American numismatics

Donald H. Dool

Copper Coins of Conflict - Coins of Sieges, of Necessity, of
Revolution, of Rebellion, and of War
Third Place - Foreign coins issued 1500 A.D. and later

Robert W. Feiler

Selected and Altered Numismatic Memorabilia

Jeffrey J. Rosinia

The "First" Bank of the Second City: A Selected Numismatic
View of the First National Bank of Chicago
First Place - Local interest numismatic material

David Simpson

The Silver Lake Bank: 1814-1829
Second Place - Obsolete paper money issued in the U. S.

Mark Wieclaw

"It's a Girl!" Elongated as Personalized Birth Announcements
The Muled Coins of the U.S.-Philippine Series
A Unique? Bronze Coin of Arcadius

Nancy Wilson

President William McKinley Inaugural Ball of 1897

Carl F. Wolf

Chicago Numismatic Society's U.S.S. Nashville Medal
Third Place - Medals
Chicago Live Stock Exchange Membership Certificate
Second Place - Local interest numismatic material Katanga
Cross
Second Place - Primitive, odd, and curious money

A complete listing of exhibits, including awards, is on the Web at:
http://www.money.org/chi99exhibits_bycl.html

1998 FINANCIAL REPORT

*To be discussed and asked for approval at the October meeting.

1998 RECEIPTS

1. Dues	\$800.00
2. CPMX Sales	\$145.00
3. CICF Sales	\$222.00
4. 80 th Anniversary Sales	\$9,078.00
(Additional \$5,642.00 received in 1999 for a total of \$14,720.00)	
5. Life Membership (4 members)	\$1,000.00
6. Donations	\$400.00
(4 members \$100.00 each)	
7. Book Sales	\$60.00
8. Holiday Banquet	\$935.00
9. Club Auction Proceeds	\$46.00
10. Interest	\$340.55
(Dreyfus MM \$215.31 + First Chicago CD's \$125.24 for total of \$340.55)	

TOTAL 1998 RECEIPTS	\$13,026.55
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1998 SUMMARY

Assets on 01-01-1998	\$10,171.64
Receipts	+ \$13,026.55
Disbursements	- \$5,850.11
	<u>\$17,348.08</u>

BALANCES IN ACCOUNTS

12-31-98

Checking	\$12,455.34
Money Market	\$2,504.60
First Chicago Certificates	\$1,217.26
	<u>\$1,215.63</u>
	\$17,392.83

	\$17,392.83
	- <u>\$17,348.08</u>
DISCREPANCY	\$44.75

1998 EXPENSES

1. Chatter Printing (1997)	\$853.75
2. Featured Speaker Medals	\$140.18
3. CICF Souvenir Card (Typesetting \$379.54; Holders \$40.00)	\$419.54
4. CPMX Souvenir Card (Postage \$25.85; Artwork \$125.00; Printing \$798.00; Calligraphy \$72.66)	\$1,021.51
5. Photo Copies (Various Forms)	\$25.57
6. Post Office Box Rent	\$22.00
7. Safe Deposit Box Rent	\$42.40
8. Check Printing (Bank Conversion)	\$85.18
9. 80 th Anniversary Plaque (Additional \$9,650.00 paid in 1999 for total of \$12,315.00)	\$2,665.00
10. Holiday Banquet (Balance due of \$683.89 paid in 1999 for total of \$1,183.89)	\$500.00
11. Engraving for Cabeen Awards (Also past President medal & setup charges)	\$69.98
12. Sec. of State Annual Filing Fee	<u>\$5.00</u>
TOTAL 1998 DISBURSEMENTS	\$5,850.11



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November 1999



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Editor's Notes

This month will feature our Annual Auction. There are about forty items to be auctioned off. Many items are club related and should be of interest to a majority of our members.

Wednesday, December 8, 1999 is our Annual Banquet and as usual should prove to be a great success. See page 6 for details on the banquet.

Your annual dues are payable by January 1st, 2000. Regular membership is \$10.00 and life membership is \$250.00. Make your check out to Chicago Coin Club and mail it to our secretary.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 969th MEETING

The 969th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order on Wednesday, October 13th, 1999, at 7PM at the Bank One Plaza, 18th floor by President Carl Wolf. The September minutes were corrected to state that Mark Wieclaw was presented with the ANA Educational Certificate for his July talk while Saul Needleman received the featured speaker medal and ANA Educational Certificate for his September presentation. These minutes were then approved as corrected. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

There were no guests at this meeting. First VP Steve Zitowsky announced that our featured speaker, member Bob Weinstein, was unable to attend this meeting. Members decided to hold the business portion first and then have the exhibitors speak afterwards.

There was a second reading for membership for Lyle Daly and Billy Bierly and both were accepted and welcomed as members at this meeting.

Under old business, Carl Wolf displayed the Louis Werner Host Club Award presented to the Chicago Coin Club at the ANA Banquet at the end of the ANA Convention in August. Also on display was the Exemplary Service Award presented to the Club at a special awards ceremony during the ANA Convention. This award was for service to the ANA above and beyond the normal.

The 1998 Financial Report was considered at this meeting. The discrepancy of \$44.75 overage was discussed briefly by the Secretary-Treasurer who stated that member Chester Poderski was due \$58.00 from sales at the November, 1998 club auction. This payment would effectively have made the final result as a shortage of \$13.25. Members voted to accept the report.

Jeff Rosinia spoke briefly about the holiday banquet in December. The Mid-Day Club on the 56th floor of Bank One Plaza will again be the site on December 8th. No specific details on menu or price were available at this time.

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Steve Zitowsky mentioned the possibility of having member Allen Minkus speak at the December banquet presenting the defendant side of the Large Cent Theft of ANS material by William Sheldon. Members thought this talk was too controversial for a December banquet talk but might be considered for a talk at a later meeting. Minkus rejected this idea.

Concerning CPMX, Mike Metras opted out of working on the CPMX project this year. Bob Leonard spoke briefly on options for the CICF give away. Obsidian (volcanic glass) circulated in the Middle East during neolithic times and was the prime choice while brick tea money was mentioned as a second choice.

[Carl mentioned that the Mid America Coin Expo. Has moved from Milwaukee to the Rosemont Convention Center on June 22-25 to coincide with the National Collectibles Expo.]

During the recent ILNA Convention three members won exhibit awards. New Club member Bill Bierly won "*best of show*" for his exhibit on *Pattern Half Dollars*. Don Dool received "*first place*" for his exhibit on *Seige Coins* while veteran member Jeff Rosinia took home a "*second place*" with his exhibit on *First Chicago Numismatic Material*.

Carl spoke about planning for upcoming board meetings and the need to look at finances of past and future club projects. Bob Leonard expressed concern about the 1998 CPMX and CICF costs and sales imbalance. The Secretary-Treasurer was directed to look at past costs of previous CPMX and CICF souvenirs and attendance at these prior meetings.

Mark Wieclaw brought up the idea of having additional meetings in addition to the meetings held in conjunction with CPMX and CICF. Members voted to have a regular meeting in February, 2000 and then meet again for CPMX. Also in April, 2000 there will be a regular 2nd Wednesday meeting as well as the CICF meeting.

Exhibitors for the evening were Mark Wieclaw, Jeff Rosinia, Steve Zitowsky, Carl Wolf, Don Dool, Bob Leonard, Dick DeRobertis, Mike Metras, Chet Poderski and Paul Hybert. Mention was made to send auction items to Bill Burd.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Richard Hamilton-Secretary/Treasurer

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 10 CCC Meeting - Annual Club Auction

There will be no exhibits and no featured speaker during the auction.

Dec. 8 CCC Annual Banquet - Featured Speaker - **Mark Wieclaw** on *German Notgeld*.

Notgeld emergency money was produced from the beginning of the first World War to the end of 1923. In general, Notgeld was issued by various German cities as a means of raising money. The majority of issues were on paper in bright colors and depicting various scenes and designs. Notgeld was also manufactured on substances other than paper. Mr. Wieclaw will show many examples of these including leather, rubber, coal and silk. This is a unique area of numismatics covering a historically important period of time. The events in Germany that lead to the issuance of Notgeld were also the events that caused Adolph Hitler to become involved in politics. Be sure to join us for this exceptionally interesting talk.

The Annual December Banquet will be held on the 56th floor of the Bank One Plaza (formerly the First National Bank building) at the Mid-Day Club. For more information see page 6.



BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Dec 6	Albert F. Ivan	
Dec 6	Allen H. Meyer	1960
Dec 7	Brian C. Stubbs	1980
Dec 9	Howard Eisenberg	1963
Dec 12	Mike Gasvoda	1995
Dec 15	Akio Lis	
Dec 19	Bill Grundy	1996
Dec 29	Nick Weiss	1996
Dec 31	Philip J. Carrigan	1989

OUR 969th MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 1999

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Bank One Plaza Building
(formerly the 1st National Bank building)
18th Floor
on Dearborn
between Madison and Monroe

Enter the building at the South entrance of the Dearborn side, sign in at the security desk and take the elevator to the 18th floor.

There will be no featured speaker at this meeting.
This is the Club's Annual Auction.



Chicago Coin Club's Annual Banquet

The 1999 Annual Banquet of the Chicago Coin Club will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 1999 at the Mid Day Club, located on the 56th floor of the Bank One Plaza formerly the First National Bank building on Dearborn between Madison and Monroe. Enter the building at the Clark street entrance and take the elevator to the 56th floor where you will enjoy a wonderful evening with a beautiful skyline view.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6pm accompanied by Hors 'd Vours. Dinner begins at 7pm with your choice of Chicken Wellington or grilled blackened Marlin. Club member Mark Wieclaw will give an interesting talk on German Notgeld.

The cost will be approximately \$33 per person and reservations are required. Checks should be made out to Chicago Coin Club and can be given to our club secretary at or before the November meeting or be mailed to the club address at P. O. Box 2301, Chicago, Illinois 60690.

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December 1999



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Editor's Notes

Our November auction was a great success. Spirited bidding on Club related material created record prices paid on many items. Prices realized will be published next month.

This month's meeting will be our Annual Banquet and as usual should prove to be a great success. See inside for further details. It is not too late to purchase tickets and attend.

Your annual dues are payable by January 1st, 2000. Regular membership is \$10.00 and life membership is \$250.00. Make your check out to Chicago Coin Club and mail it to our secretary.

William A. Burd

MINUTES OF THE 970TH MEETING

The 970th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Carl Wolf on November 10, 1999, at 7PM at Bank One Plaza, 18th floor. The minutes from the prior meeting were corrected to state Allen Meyer rather than Allen Minkus concerning the Sheldon Large Cent theft from the ANS. The treasure's report was read and accepted. There were no guests and no reading of new member applications.

Under old business, concerning the December banquet, members were advised to use The Clark street entrance and go to the 56th floor for the Mid-Day club. The date of the banquet is December 8th. Cocktail hour at 6PM with dinner at 7PM. Menu consists of chicken Wellington or grilled black marlin. Featured speaker will be Mark Wieclaw on *Unusual German Notgeld*.

Under new business, Mike Metras mentioned that scans of old notes from last years CPMX can be used for this year's CPMX.

On a motion from Mark Wieclaw, a donation of \$25.00 was sent to the ANA for the National Money Show.

A board meeting was announced by Carl Wolf for November 23, 1999 at 7pm at the Hickory Pit Restaurant.

The meeting was then turned over to veteran club member and auctioneer Chet Poderski who successfully auctioned off 71 out of 78 lots submitted. Auction results to be reported at a later date.

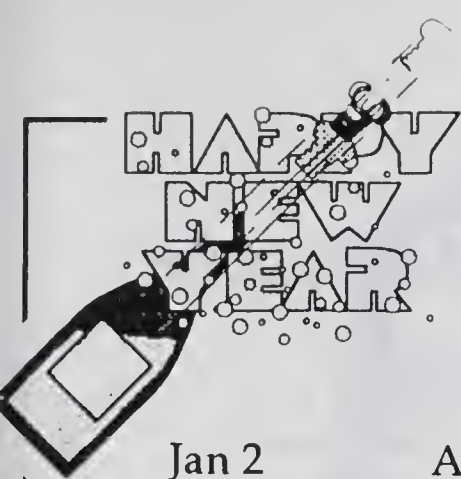
At the end of the auction the meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Hamilton
Secretary-Treasurer

IMPORTANT DATES

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- Jan 12 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Mike Metras** on *Modern Ethiopian Coinage*
- Feb 9 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - **Allen Meyer**.
Meeting will be postponed until Saturday, February 19, 2000 at 1pm at the Chicago Paper Money Exposition.
- Feb 19 CCC Meeting will be continued from the regular meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2000 at 1pm at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel. Featured Speaker - To be announced.
- Mar 8 CCC Meeting - Featured Speaker - To be announced.
- Apr 8 CCC Meeting - Held in conjunction with the Annual Chicago International Coin Fair held at the Ramada O'Hare Hotel.
Featured Speaker - To be announced.
Meeting will then be postponed until the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at the Bank One Plaza, 18th floor.
- Apr 12 CCC Meeting will be continued from the meeting started at Chicago International Coin Fair.
Featured Speaker - To be announced.



BIRTHDAYS AND YEAR JOINED

Jan 2	Al Sawyer	1999
Jan 16	Michael Metras	
Jan 18	Denise Kitchen	1998
Jan 22	Venson Brown	
Jan 26	Jennie Sochon	1982

OUR 969th MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, December 8, 1999

TIME: 6:00 PM Cocktails
7:00PM Dinner

PLACE: Mid Day Club
Bank One Plaza Building
56th Floor
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FEATURED SPEAKER: Mark Wieclaw on
Unusual German Notgeld

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